

# CIVIC CONNECTION

March 12, 2004

Monthly News Service from the Division of Communications for Norfolk Civic Organizations

## CITY PLANS APRIL KICKOFF OF ENHANCED RECYCLING PROGRAM

On Tuesday, April 13, the City of Norfolk and the Southeastern Public Service Authority (SPSA) will launch the new curbside recycling program. Nicknamed “the Big Easy,” the service features bi-weekly collection of recyclables in blue, 90-gallon carts that resemble the City’s refuse containers -- except for the color. The containers will be collected every other week by SPSA using new automated trucks on the same day as regular refuse collection.



Currently, Norfolk residents place their recyclable items in 18-gallon blue bins. With the new service, additional materials such as cardboard, magazines, boxes, office paper and discarded mail will be accepted. In addition, more items will fit inside the enclosed, larger container and the container can be placed more easily at the curbside. The City anticipates that the convenience of the 90-gallon containers will result in a higher recycling participation rate (currently 26 percent) and less waste going to the disposal system.

Implementation of the enhanced curbside recycling program will be phased in over 20 months and in four phases. Approximately 15,000 households will receive the carts and the new automated collection with each phase. Phase I begins in April; the remaining phases will be

implemented in the summer of 2004, January 2005, and June 2005. All current City of Norfolk waste management customers (approximately 57,000) will eventually receive the new containers and service. Households that have not yet received the new containers will continue to use the 18-gallon bins.

In Phase I, residents who live in neighborhoods served by the following civic leagues will receive the 90-gallon recycling carts beginning the week of March 22. (See the accompanying map.) Automated collection will begin the week of April 12.

- Azalea Acres/Azalea Shores

- Ballentine Place Civic League
- Beacon Light/Berkley Civic League, Inc.
- Berkley Community Civic League
- Bromley Civic League
- Campostella Civic League
- Campostella Heights Civic League
- Coleman Place Civic League
- Colonial Place/Riverview Civic League
- Crown Point
- Fairmount Park Civic League
- Fox Hall Civic League
- Greater Pinewell Civic League
- Hardy Field Civic League
- Hollywood Homes/Maple Hall Civic League
- Homeowners Outreach League of Lamberts Pt.
- Lafayette/Winona Civic League
- Lake Taylor Civic League
- Lakewood/Willowwood Civic League
- Lamberts Point Civic League
- Lindenwood/Cottage Heights/Barraud Park CL
- Northside Civic League
- River Oaks Civic League
- Shady Woods Civic League
- Sumler Terrace Residence Office
- Villa Heights Civic League
- West Ocean View Conservation Committee
- Willoughby Civic League.

A ceremonial kickoff of the new curbside recycling program will be held at the Berkley Multi-Purpose Center on Tuesday, April 13, at 10 a.m. For additional information, you may contact John Deuel, Recycling Coordinator, Norfolk Environmental Commission, 441-1347, [john.deuel@norfolk.gov](mailto:john.deuel@norfolk.gov); or Ed Hacker, Recycling Division, SPSA, 548-2256, [ehacker@spsa.com](mailto:ehacker@spsa.com).

The City of Norfolk Toastmasters Club has partnered with Kirn Memorial Library to hold special workshops for teens. Workshops are free and will be held on Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. at Kirn, 301 City Hall Avenue. Park in the SOUTH parking garage of macArthur center and receive three hours of free parking. The dates are:

- March 16: Making a great speech. Learn from the experts
- March 23: Voice and body language. Some things attract, others distract
- March 30: Check your words. Using the appropriate language for your audience
- April 6: The Toastmasters Club will present techniques for making a great speech.

## COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE ASSISTS RESIDENTS DURING THE TAX FILING SEASON

Will complete your Virginia Individual Income Tax Return—*FREE OF CHARGE!* (Be sure to bring a copy of your completed Federal Income Tax form, as well as your W2s). Will answer or research any state tax question you may have. Just give us a call!

Operates extended Saturday hours April 3<sup>rd</sup> through 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00—Noon.

Call Your Commissioner of the Revenue

Income Tax Team at (757) 441-2277

Or visit us at City Hall, 810 Union Street, 1st Floor

Mon - Fri 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday Hours 9:00 a.m. to noon April 3<sup>rd</sup>—24<sup>th</sup>

[www.city.norfolk.va.us/revenue](http://www.city.norfolk.va.us/revenue)

Please Remember: The Deadline to File Virginia State Income Tax is May 3

## FREE TAX FILING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Free income tax assistance is available at sites throughout Hampton Roads for individuals with simple returns. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites have been established to help low- to moderate-income workers file their taxes. The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) has also set up sites to primarily serve to senior citizens. The military offers tax filing assistance for those with a Military I.D.

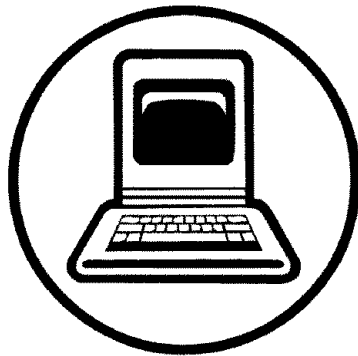
Persons interested in receiving free tax filing assistance should contact a site in their neighborhood for details. Additional information on a wide range of tax-related topics, including VITA, can be found on the IRS website: [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov), or by calling the IRS toll-free information line at 1-800-829-1040.

### NORFOLK SITES

| Site Type | Name                                    | Location               | Hours                             | Contact              |
|-----------|---|------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| VITA      | Calvert Square Family Investment Center | 975 Bagnall Rd.        | Mon. & Thurs. 10-4; Wed. 6-8 p.m. | Appointment 314-4273 |
| VITA      | First Christian Fellowship Church       | 4700 Little John Drive | Sat. 12:30-5:30 p.m.              | Appointment 855-6901 |
| VITA      | Brambleton Outreach Center              | 909 Marshall Avenue    | Sat. 10-2                         | Appointment 823-2953 |
| AARP      | Bon Secours DePaul Senior Health Center | 6115 Granby Street     | Tues. - Thurs. 9-3                | Appointment 889-5976 |
| AARP      | Little Creek Branch Library             | 7853 Tarpon Place      | Wed. 12-4                         | Appointment 441-1751 |
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| AARP     | Janaf Library                     | 124 Janaf Shopping Center           | Thurs. 12-4 | Appointment<br>441-5660               |
| AARP     | Pretlow Library (Ocean View area) | 9640 Granby St.                     | Mon. 12-4   | Walk-in or<br>Appointment<br>441-1759 |
| Military | ATG Norfolk Naval Base            | 1776 Gilbert Street<br>Building B30 |             |                                       |
| Military | NAB Little Creek                  | 2600 Tarawa Court                   |             |                                       |
| Military | Operational Test and Evaluation   | 7970 Dixen Street                   |             |                                       |
| Military | USCG MLCANT                       | 300 East Main Street<br>Suite 400   |             |                                       |

## STATE LAUNCHES ONLINE NOTIFICATION SERVICE FOR INFORMATION ON HEALTH PROFESSIONALS



Governor Mark R. Warner announced that The Virginia Department of Health Professions, DHP, is now offering an online licensure and disciplinary notification service to employers, insurance companies, and others associated with Virginia's 260,000 licensed, certified, and registered health care professionals. The License and Case Decision Notification Service is the first state level service of its kind available in the nation.

"This new service will make tracking license renewal and disciplinary information related to health care providers as easy as reading an email," said Governor Warner. "With the use of commonly available technology, users are able to receive electronic notification of such changes via any apparatus that receives email: PC, pager, cell phone, or PDA. There is no other state that offers such a service and we are proud to have Virginia taking the lead once again in connecting citizens with government."

This new subscription service allows users to create a profile of the licenses and the information they wish to track, such as license expiration and renewal, notice of proceeding and/or board action. Users then identify the email address(s) to which the notification is to be sent. The profile is compared daily, Sunday through Friday, to the DHP licensee public information database. If there are status changes to the licenses in a profile, an alert is sent to the appropriate email address(s).

"Public safety is critical," said Robert Nebiker, Director of the Department of Health Professions. "Currently, it can be like looking for a needle in a haystack when employers are attempting to stay abreast of the most recent information related to licensees. By keeping the public properly informed, this new service will allow the

Department of Health Professions to better protect the public from health care providers who should not be doing business."

Currently, the public may conduct individual searches through the Online License Lookup to verify that health care providers are in good standing with the appropriate licensing board and review any disciplinary actions that may have been taken by a health regulatory board. Access to the Online Licensee Lookup is through the homepage of the Department of Health Professions located at [www.dhp.state.va.us](http://www.dhp.state.va.us).

## **CITY SUBMITS FEDERAL FLOOD HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT**

The City of Norfolk has submitted a grant request to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the amount of \$1.32 million to elevate 20 houses in five City neighborhoods above the 100 year flood plain. The grant will provide 75% of the necessary funding with the remaining 25% or \$450,700 contributed by the homeowner as a matching grant. Neighborhoods where residents are participating in this voluntary program include Larchmont/Edgewater, Colonial Place, Riverview, and Oceanview (from East Ocean View to Willoughby Spit).

The grant application limits the City's submission to twenty properties. FEMA's criteria for participation are extensive. There were a total of 45 applications submitted with 50 inquiries. The list of 20 properties selected for participating in the program and the twelve alternates are attached in the Council packet. FEMA will announce the grant awards on July 1, 2004.

## **CITY'S GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BOND SALE SAVES RESIDENTS MILLIONS**



Guiding principles of City Council to insure sound fiscal policies and promote further diversification of the local economy are helping to maintain the City's strong credit rating. The benefits of these efforts were evident this week as the City took advantage of current low interest rates and successfully issued \$103,315,000 in General

Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2004.

The winning bid for the refunding bonds was submitted by Citigroup Global Markets, Inc. with a true interest cost (TIC) of 2.95 percent. Strong competition was evidenced by the eight bids received, and a tight spread of only 1.4 basis points (0.014 percent) between the TIC offered by Citigroup and the other 8 bids received.

The City will use the \$103,315,000 to refund outstanding bonds that were issued in fiscal years 1994, 1996 and 1997 at the higher interest rates of 5.1 percent and 5.4 percent. Over the life of the refunded bond as compared to the existing bonds, the City will realize approximately \$6,854,547 in present value savings by completing this refunding.

## **NORFOLK BOTANICAL GARDEN SEARCHES FOR FAMILIES AND DESCENDANTS OF DEPRESSION-ERA WORKERS WHO**

## STARTED GARDEN

In an effort to accurately preserve and commemorate the rich history of Norfolk Botanical Garden, the Garden is in search of families and descendants of Depression-era WPA (Works Progress Administration) workers to participate in an oral, historical documentation of the story of how this community treasure was started. The project is being done in cooperation with the Ruffner Academy Community Problem Solving Team.

In 1938, after Norfolk City Manager Thomas P. Thompson secured a grant from the WPA to hire the workers, 200 African American women and men initiated the daunting task of clearing some 25-acres of tree-filled swampland to plant some 4000 azaleas.

The women are all believed to have died, however the Garden is in search of families or decedents with connections to these women who are willing to be interviewed for an oral history to collect a more accurate and complete history of the amazing contribution these women have made to Norfolk Botanical Garden. Many of the azaleas that were planted some 60 years ago are still thriving in the Garden today.

These oral histories are an essential first step in the effort for the Garden to establish an official commemoration to these women who were so integral in the creation of what is now a 155-acre Garden that continues to grow and thrive.

If anyone has any information or contacts regarding the WPA workers, please contact Ann Parsons, Director of Education at Norfolk Botanical Garden at 757-441-5830 ext. 335 or [ann.parsons@nbgs.org](mailto:ann.parsons@nbgs.org). 6700 Azalea Garden Road, Norfolk, Va. 23518.



## AMERICAN DREAM DOWNPAYMENT INITIATIVE

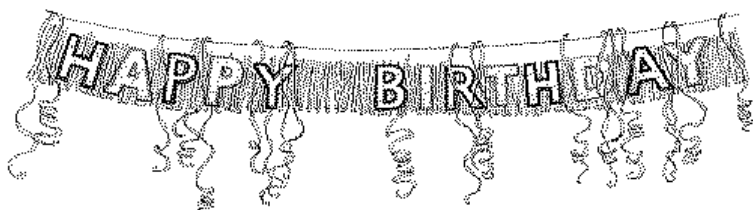
Members of City Council have requested requested information about a new federal initiative entitled the “American Dream Down Payment Initiative (ADDI).” This new federal initiative was signed into law on December 16, 2003 with the goal of increasing the homeownership rate, especially among lower income and minority households.

“American Dream Down Payment Initiative” is a new component under the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) through which HUD will make formula grants to certain participating jurisdictions for the purpose of making down payment assistance to low-income families. First-time homebuyers under this program can purchase a single family home that will serve as the family’s principal residence. ADDI is designed to operate as a homebuyer assistance program within the participating jurisdictions existing HOME program. As such, ADDI is nearly transparent to participating jurisdictions who already administer homebuyer assistance under HOME.

There is no first-time homebuyer requirement for homebuyer projects under

HOME, while ADDI funds can only be used to assist first-time homebuyers. Program goals also focus on revitalizing and stabilizing communities. While HUD has not provided local governments with the actual program guidelines, the City has received a funding authorization letter in the amount of \$238,035.

## GIVE THE WISCONSIN A BIRTHDAY GIFT



On April 16, 2004, we will celebrate the 60th birthday of USS Wisconsin and the third anniversary of her berthing in downtown Norfolk. During these three years, over 1,100,000 very

satisfied visitors have walked the main decks of this magnificent icon of freedom. While the past three years have been very successful, we now have to start raising funds to open internal spaces of the ship to the public, and to establish an endowment for future maintenance of the ship. Join us in celebrating 60 years of service to this nation and three years of service to our local community.

On December 7, 1943, USS Wisconsin was launched at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard. On April 16, 1944 that ship was commissioned USS Wisconsin (BB-64) and sent to the Pacific Theater of World War II. Sixty years later, on December 7, 2000 that same ship was berthed at Nauticus, The National Maritime Center. On April 16, 2001 we "commissioned" USS Wisconsin to carry out a new mission of education, using the wonderful inter-active educational exhibits within Nauticus. This new mission presents new challenges and great opportunity for our community.

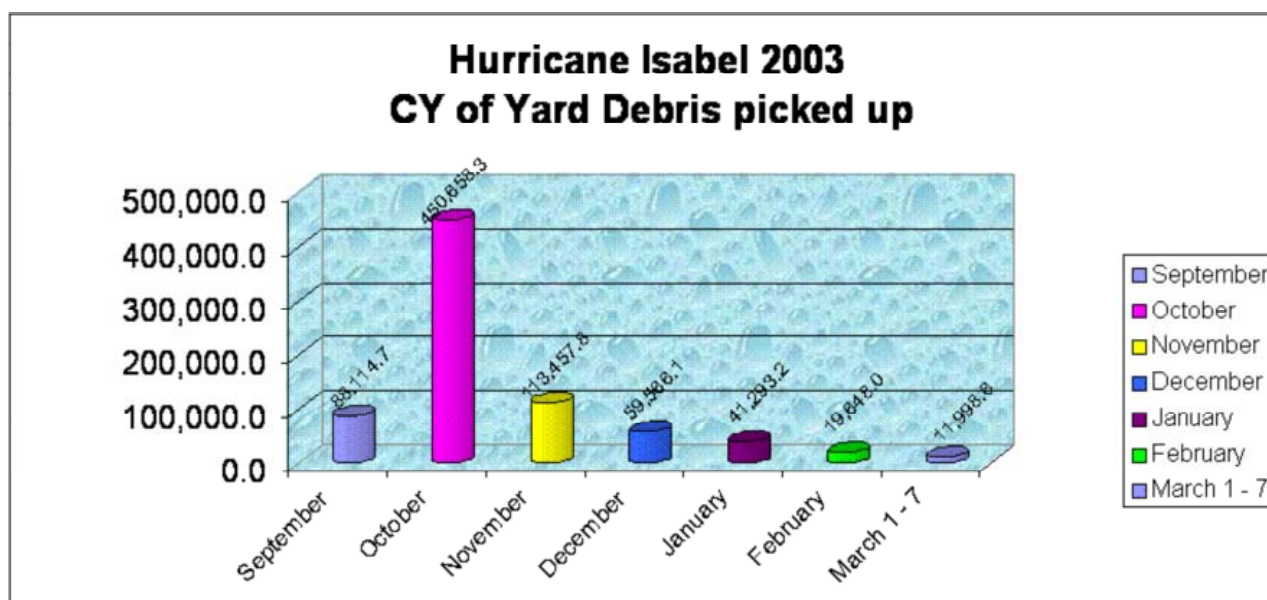
The public's support is essential as the foundation continues with the USS Wisconsin's mission. The USS Wisconsin Foundation is working diligently to maximize public and private funding. The USS Wisconsin Foundation has 501 (c) 3 tax-exempt status. Donations are tax deductible. For more information please contact:

*RADM Jack Kavanaugh, SC, USN (Retired)*  
*Executive Director USS Wisconsin Foundation*  
*224 E. Main Street*  
*Norfolk, VA 23510*  
*Phone: (757) 233-6464*  
*[www.battleshipwisconsin.org](http://www.battleshipwisconsin.org)*

## ISABEL UPDATE

As of Sunday, March 7, the City had picked up 794,381 cubic yards of yard debris left behind by Hurricane Isabel. The chart below shows the month to month progress in this massive undertaking that is nearing completion.





## **VIRGINIA FIRST CITIES COALITION SUPPORTS SENATE BUDGET IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

The Virginia First Cities Coalition -- of which Norfolk is a member -- has strongly endorsed the version of the State budget passed by the Senate.

"The Senate budget makes significant and necessary investment in core state services," according to a statement released at a First Cities press conference in Richmond.

"We particularly applaud the steps to fund more of the State's true share of public education. This funding increase will support quality educational opportunities for all students and help reduce the extraordinary pressure on local real estate taxes. In addition, the Senate's budget for the Transportation Trust Fund makes major strides to address documented transit and road construction needs."

The Virginia First Cities commend the Senate for having the courage to make the difficult budget and tax policy decisions required to move the Commonwealth forward. We deeply appreciate your willingness to personally champion a course of continual investment and renewal for Virginia. We hope that all state officials will be persuaded that continued cuts in core services and shifting the financial burden to others is not a viable short or long-term solution. If the State does not take responsible action now, the citizens we all serve will pay an even higher price.

## **CITY EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO JOIN MILITARY/LOCAL LAND USE STUDY**

The federal Office of Economic Adjustment and the City of Virginia Beach has



invited Chesapeake and Norfolk to join them in a Joint Land Use Study (JLUS). The JLUS is a cooperative land use planning effort between military installations and surrounding communities designed to promote community growth and development that is compatible with military training and/or operations. The estimated cost of the JLUS is \$125,000 with the federal government providing 75% of the cost. All the cities participating in the study would contribute equally toward the 25% local match either financially or in-kind. Norfolk's participation would increase economies of scale and improve the quality of the plan with the Navy on operations at Chambers Field, Fentress Auxiliary Field and NAS Oceana. An ordinance was adopted by City Council on February 24.

## **EAST BEACH ANNOUNCES BUILDERS GUILD**

***23 builders selected to create Norfolk's newest neighborhood based on traditional design principles***

East Beach officially announces the East Beach Guild that will design and construct the custom homes in Norfolk's newest waterfront community. The Guild comprises 23 builders who have participated and succeeded in a rigorous selection process. Each builder also agrees to participate in a comprehensive educational program to ensure that shared design principles are incorporated in each of the custom homes.

The East Beach Guild members commit to a stringent multi-step review process for each home in the neighborhood. Roger Wood, R.A., the guild manager and town architect for East Beach, oversaw the selection process. "What we have is a who's who of builders for this neighborhood," Wood says. "We evaluated the builders on tangible criteria such as construction quality, customer service and financial stability, but also included more intangible factors such as reputation, passion, desire, creativity and attitude.

East Beach's master plan was created by world-renowned Duany Plater-Zyberk from Miami. The design review guidelines were created by another world-renowned company, Urban Design Associates from Pittsburgh. The overall approach to the design and development illustrates East Beach developer's belief that quality design and craftsmanship positively impact people's lives.

"The East Beach Guild commits to the highest design standards in keeping with the vision in the master plans," says Joseph E. Barnes, general manager. "We believe that once this neighborhood emerges it will help to lead the revitalization of Tidewater's architectural traditions."

East Beach is a public private partnership project between the East Beach Company, LLC, the city of Norfolk and Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority. The 100-acre site has the region eagerly anticipating the redevelopment of one of Norfolk's greatest assets.

East Beach is situated along the Chesapeake Bay in Norfolk. Surrounded by water, the neighborhood will be fashioned after traditional Southeastern seaboard coastal villages. The master plan envisions 700 residences, professional offices and neighborhood retail. Public space, walking paths, beach pavilions and bay front greens

will enhance the vista and create open spaces for the beachfront community. East Beach was recently selected as the site of Homearama 2004 in the fall by the Tidewater's Builder's Association. This will be the first time Homearama has been held in Norfolk. For information, visit [www.eastbeachnorfolk.com](http://www.eastbeachnorfolk.com).

#### The East Beach Guild:

Alexander Builders, Inc.  
Beachtowne Builders  
Charles A. Schmitt Contractor  
Crumley Group, Inc.  
Definitive Homes Inc.  
J.M. Sykes, Inc.  
L.R. Hill Custom Builders, Inc.  
North Shore Construction Company  
Real Developments, Inc.  
S&E Construction  
Seaside Homes  
WATAB Construction Corporation

Area Builders of Tidewater, Inc.  
Boone Builders  
Cohen Homes, LLC  
DeBord Custom Homes Inc.  
Executive Homes Corporation of Virginia  
Joey Corporation  
Mid-Atlantic Building  
Princess Anne Builders, Inc.  
RCR Development  
Schoch Building Corporation  
Simpson Builders

## **2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL DOWNTOWN NORFOLK GROWTH REPORT RELEASED**

The Downtown Norfolk Council and the Downtown Norfolk Business Improvement District (BID) have released the 2004 Downtown Norfolk Growth Report. This report benchmarks key activity in downtown and is designed as a resource for policy makers and business leaders in that it determines spending patterns of downtown workers, better understand who is the downtown consumer and most importantly helps to shape our downtown strategies.

The report presents key findings about downtown workers, tourism, retail sales, dining and entertainment sales and property valuation. It also includes quick facts about downtown, a list of new downtown developments and a summary of BID Ambassador Activities.

The report found that in 2003, 71 percent of Hampton Roads residents made at least one visit to downtown Norfolk for a non-work-related purpose. Current market penetration reflects 78 percent of Southside adults and 53 percent of Peninsula adults. The average annual downtown visitation for non-work-related purposes has increased from an estimated nine visits per year before the opening of MacArthur Center in 1999 to an average of 30 visits in 2003. The highest frequency of use for non-work-related purposes occurs among 18-34 year olds; the lowest occurs among those over the age of 65. For a copy of the report, contact the Downtown Norfolk Council at 623-1757 or [DNC@DowntownNorfolk.org](mailto:DNC@DowntownNorfolk.org)

## **CITY-WIDE LEADERSHIP TRAINING HAVING A MAJOR IMPACT ON THE**

## ORGANIZATION

Since the City began offering 7 Habits of Highly Effective People training in the fall of 2002, approximately 500 City employees have participated in this personal leadership program.

Seven Habits provides the foundation to strengthen performance at the personal, managerial, and organizational levels. Participants learn to break ineffective tendencies, to take initiative, value diversity, build win-win relationships, focus on key priorities, and communicate more effectively. A survey that was recently completed by Human Resources to determine the program's effectiveness was sent out to past participants. There was almost a 30% response rate. Highlights of the survey include:

- 86% of past participants were “very satisfied” or “satisfied” with the training program.
- 85% would recommend 7 Habits to a friend or coworker.
- 71% believe that 7 Habits training could be the beginning of a new way of thinking for City of Norfolk employees.
- 77% believe that 7 Habits could help employees change the fundamental way they approach their jobs, relationships, problems, and opportunities.
- Past participants identified that Habit 1: Be Proactive and Habit 5: Seek first to understand, then to be understood as the most important for increasing the effectiveness of City of Norfolk employees.

## CITY TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES' YOUTH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

As Vice Mayor Hester mentioned last week, the City of Norfolk is one of five cities that the National League of Cities' (NLC) Institute for Youth, Education, and Families has chosen to participate in the 2003-2004 MetLife Foundation Youth-City Connection technical assistance project. The other four cities chosen are Saginaw, Michigan; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Dallas, Texas and Salt Lake City, Utah.

Participation in the program will enable the City to receive technical assistance over an eight to ten month period. During this time period, the City will have access to experts in the field of youth development and access to best practices from around the nation. Proposed outcomes of the City's strategy include: development of a long range youth participation strategy; development of the Norfolk Teen Cultural Council, developing a directory of youth programs and services; and ultimately to assist Norfolk's youth in maximizing their personal potential.

As part of the technical assistance program, three members of Youth Development team will travel to Orlando, Florida from Saturday, February 28 until Monday, March, 1 2004. This meeting is a required conference for award recipients and other NLC partners and will provide our employees an opportunity to discuss our community's goals and objectives with national experts in the field of Youth Development.

## **CITY EMPLOYEES OPEN POCKETBOOKS IN SUPPORT OF COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Each year, 85% of Norfolk's High School graduates want to continue their education. Many of those students cannot pursue their dreams of higher education without financial assistance.

City employees, in an effort to assist area students in achieving their higher education goals have actively participated over the years in raising money for the J. Frank Sellow Scholarship program. City employees contribute directly through payroll deduction and/or by participating in the J. Frank Sellow Scholarship Auction which was held this year at the Airport Hilton on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

This is the 15<sup>th</sup> year for the scholarship auction which raised more than \$82,000 in 2003. As a result of the amount of money raised last year, 25 scholarships were awarded and a Career & Technical Education Scholarship was started. Invitations for City Council to participate in this year's auction are included in this week's packet.

## **MACARTHUR MEMORIAL ROTUNDA MARBLE RESTORATION**

A project to thoroughly clean and restore the marble walls and floor of the MacArthur Memorial rotunda is currently underway. The rotunda is central to the two-story museum and the final resting place for General and Mrs. Douglas MacArthur. The Memorial, one of Virginia's best remaining Classical Revival buildings, is both a Virginia Historic Landmark and a National Historic Place.

The two-story interior rotunda is 40 feet in diameter and 37 feet high. The circular walls are Roman Travertine marble, the floor is Italian rose tavernelle marble with Italian red antique marble trim. Five large panels inscribed with excerpts from the General's speeches and listing his achievements are Botticino marble.

The project is estimated to take six weeks, during which time the museum will remain open to the public.

The building was Norfolk's original city hall building and courthouse. Construction began in 1847 and was completed in 1850 at a cost of \$50,000. On the first floor, a passage 13 feet wide extended from the front to the rear entrance. The north or City Hall Avenue side of the passage was the courtroom and the mayor's and sheriff's offices were on the south side. The second floor held the council chamber, jury room and courtroom for the United States District Court. From 1918 until 1960 the building served solely as a courthouse. In the 1960's it was converted to a museum honoring General of the Army Douglas MacArthur.

# CITY UPDATES

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## CITY COUNCIL

**Ryan White Focus Group Held.** As part of a field visit to Norfolk on Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Division of Service Systems director, Douglas Morgan announced that the Notice of Grant Award for the FY 2004-2005 Ryan White Title I grant was being forwarded to the City within the next week. This announcement was part of a new effort by the federal agency to work collaboratively with the City as the grantee as well as service providers and people living with HIV/AIDS. Mr. Morgan and a team of HRSA representatives met with the Mayor, City Manager, individuals living with HIV/AIDS and service providers in a series of meetings throughout the day.

One meeting of particular note was a focus group session facilitated by Mr. Morgan of consumers at the Park Place Community Center. Approximately 100 individuals living with HIV/AIDS, caregivers and or family members participated in this session designed to gain feedback on current services and potential gaps in services. The information shared at this meeting will assist HRSA in making recommendations on how Hampton Roads cities and local service providers can better serve individuals living with HIV/AIDS.

The City Administration will be providing the YEN Committee with an overview of HIV/AIDS service needs in our City and a plan of action.

**Court Steering Committee Convened.** The Court Construction Steering Committee met for the first time with our consulting team on Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. The consulting team, which is headed up by the local architectural firm of Hanbury Evans Wright Vlattas is strengthened by its partnership with the following firms: Justice Planning Associates of Columbia, SC; Phillip Swagger & Company, Mclean, VA; Hankins & Anderson, Glen Allen, VA; and Landmark Design Group of Virginia Beach. This team is the same one that completed the City's 1994 court study and is nationally renowned for planning and constructing of modern courthouses.

The Steering Committee at its meeting on Monday reviewed a series of data tables going back 25 years in an effort to determine future caseloads for the next 30 years. The trend analysis that the consultants used for this process will assist in developing projections for judgeships. This information is required in order to determine clerk office sizes and ultimately the preferred alternative for the size of the new courts building. The courts will now have an opportunity to review this information in one-on-one sessions with the consultant team in order to provide feedback on their methodology and analysis. These meetings are now underway.

The consultants are also obtaining information regarding land uses in and around

the downtown. This information will assist in determining potential sites based upon the sizing of a future courts' complex. City staff has developed a six month timeline for completing this phase of the project. This item will be highlighted in this year's capital budget issues book due to the scope of the project and its potential impacts on other City Council priorities.

**Youth Council: Youth Violence Conference:** In January, over fifty people gathered in the church hall at Second Calvary Church to discuss the rise of Youth Violence Conference brought together teenagers and community leaders to develop strategies to combat violence in their communities.

The forum included a skit presented by the Teen Youth Group of Second Calvary Church, a panel discussion, breakout workshops, and closing discussion period.

Teenagers as far away as Newport News ventured to this conference. Norfolk and Virginia Beach were generously represented as well.

The most attended workshop was the Fishbowl Workshop. In this workshop, chairs are arranged in an outer circle and an inner circle to promote individuals to talk about a topic. Only persons sitting in the inner circle could speak, therefore, to gain an opportunity to express their opinion they had to tap someone out of the inner circle. The topic was, "What can you do to make a difference in violence at your school." Many youth "got real" and openly communicated about their responsibility, as well as, how they contributed to the violent environment in their schools.

Many left with a renewed awareness and how their negative behavior perpetuates the problem.

**CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES.** The following is a synopsis of each Council Committee's charge and the current membership.

*Economic and Community Business Development:* Policy direction on downtown development; neighborhood retail and service; corridors; city-wide commercial development; business/commerce parks; job creation opportunities; minority business development and participation; downtown parking.

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| Chair      | Randy Wright     |
| Vice Chair | Daun Hester      |
| Member     | Paul Fraim       |
| Lead Staff | Shurl Montgomery |

*Finance and Infrastructure:* Policy direction on financial matters; technology; telecommunications; development and maintenance of the City's physical assets (such as water utility, storm/sewer/street systems, right-of-way management); public information; organizational matters (employee compensation & benefits, workforce development).

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| Chair      | Don Williams |
| Vice Chair | Daun Hester  |



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| Member     | Paul Fraim           |
| Lead Staff | Regina V.K. Williams |

Legislative and Strategic Planning: Policy direction on City's state and federal legislative programs; regional efforts; intergovernmental relations; transportation; environmental and river clean-up programs.

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| Chair      | Paul Riddick |
| Vice Chair | Randy Wright |
| Member     | Don Williams |
| Lead Staff | Jeff Muzzy   |

Public Amenities and Marketing: Policy direction on City marketing and image building; historical preservation; sports initiatives; conventions and tourism; civic facilities; public entertainment, festivals and events; arts and culture: international programs.

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| Chair      | Barclay Winn    |
| Vice Chair | Anthony Burfoot |
| Member     | Paul Riddick    |
| Lead Staff | Nancy Johnson   |

Youth, Education and Neighborhood Services: Policy direction on neighborhood services; education; zoning and codes; public safety; parks and recreation; housing; libraries; community traffic management; youth development; human services.

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| Chair      | Anthony Burfoot              |
| Vice Chair | Daun Hester                  |
| Member     | Barclay Winn                 |
| Lead Staff | La Verne Parker Diggs, Ed.D. |

## **CITY COUNCIL TASK FORCES**

35<sup>th</sup> Street/Riverview: Daun Hester, Paul Fraim, Jeff Muzzy

Church Street Huntersville: Daun Hester, Paul Riddick, Shurl Montgomery

Fairmont Park: Daun Hester, Anthony Burfoot, La Verne Parker Diggs

Five Points/Norview: Daun Hester, La Verne Parker Diggs

Ghent: Paul Fraim, Barclay Winn, Jeff Muzzy

Mayor's Downtown Development: Paul Fraim, Randy Wright, Nancy Johnson

Mayor's Ocean View: Randy Wright, Barclay Winn, Don Williams, Shurl Montgomery

Norfolk Youth Council: Daun Hester, La Verne Parker Diggs

Southside: Paul Riddick, Daun Hester, Anthony Burfoot, La Verne Parker Diggs

Wards Corner: Barclay Winn, Don Williams, Paul Fraim, Shurl Montgomery

## CITY COUNCIL STEERING COMMITTEES

Broad Creek Renaissance: Daun Hester, Anthony Burfoot, Regina Williams, Nancy Johnson

East Beach: Randy Wright, Barclay Winn, Shurl Montgomery

Fort Norfolk/Atlantic City: Paul Fraim, Barclay Winn, Regina V.K. Williams, Jeff Muzzy

## REGIONAL BOARDS: CITY APPOINTEES

Chesapeake Bay Alcohol Safety Action Program: Randy Wright

Empowerment 2010: Daun Hester, Anthony Burfoot, Regina V.K. Williams

Hampton Roads Transit (HRT): Randy Wright, Paul Riddick

Highway Safety Commission: Don Williams

Hampton Roads Partnership (HRP): Paul Fraim

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC): Paul Fraim, Randy Wright, Don Williams, Barclay Winn, Regina V.K. Williams

The Planning Council, Inc.: Daun Hester

Hampton Roads Regional Jail (HRRJ): Paul Riddick, Alternate: Anthony Burfoot

Southeastern Public Service Authority (SPSA): Don Williams, Shurl Montgomery

Southeastern Tidewater Opportunity Project, Inc. (STOP): Paul Riddick

## CITY MANAGER

**Hampton Roads Planning District Commission.** The Hampton Roads Planning District Committee (HRPDC) held its annual retreat on Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> to prepare their Annual Unified Work Program and Budget. Among the upcoming year's work program's major areas of focus are: Transportation, Regional Construction Standards, Base Realignment and Closure, Homeland Security and Physical and Environmental Planning.

These topics are in alignment with key objectives and concerns of our City Council. It should also be noted that HRPDC has received a grant from the Office of Economic adjustment to investigate ways in which the regional economy can be strengthened so that the occasional negative impacts from changes in area military activity can be diminished. It is likely that we will experience an increase in membership dues this next year.



**Norfolk Southern Lunch Meeting.** I had the opportunity to speak in recognition of African-American Railroader Month on the topic of "Diversity and Leadership" at a Norfolk Southern luncheon. The event, which was held on Thursday

at Norfolk Southern headquarters, was a great opportunity to acknowledge the contributions of African-Americans in the railroad industry; discuss how valuing

diversity has strengthened our City organization and how to be an effective leader. The luncheon was part of Norfolk Southern rather unique company program, entitled “Lunch and Learn.”

## **FACILITY AND ENTERPRISE MANAGEMENT**

**New Subdivision Forest Lawn Cemetery.** Council authorized the creation of a new burial section within Forest Lawn Cemetery named Northwest Lawn. The development of Northwest Lawn is consistent with our Cemetery Master Plan and will provide up to 3,892 grave sites.

A key component of the new development is meeting the public’s demand for grave sites that can accommodate traditional, upright markers. Currently, the inventory of grave sites at Forest Lawn Cemetery that provide customers with the option of erecting traditional, upright markers is limited. This proposed expansion will make it possible for approximately 80% of the new grave sites to have the traditional, upright marker.

The new development will also create a significant number of grave sites that are near roadways, which are considered desirable locations. The development plan identifies these grave sites as family estate lots. Because of the location and anticipated public demand, these sites command a higher price. It is the Administration’s recommendation that City Council establish a fee of \$2,000 per grave for the family estate lots. In addition, the ordinance establishes a price per grave of \$1,200 for the flush marker grave sites and \$1,600 for grave sites that permit upright markers.

Market research conducted by staff indicates that the proposed fees are within the \$990 to \$2,695 charged locally for comparable grave sites.

## **FINANCE**

**Financial Statements—December 2003.** The following financial statements were provided to the City Council as of December 31, 2003. These statements have been adjusted for all known reclassifications/accruals for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003, but do not include all audit or other year-end audit adjustments.

These financial statements are intended to provide a high level overview of the City’s financial position and results of operations for the period ended as previously referenced. Also contained within these statements is comparative information for current and prior year’s budget and actual numbers. The information presented below is a brief synopsis of the City’s position and results of operations compared to projected budget estimates for December 2003. The Office of Budget and Management prepared the revenue analysis presented herewith in coordination with the department of Finance.

Item 1: General Fund Comparative Balance Sheet:

The general fund cash and cash equivalent category is down from the prior year due to the increased outflow of cash resulting Hurricane Isabel.

Item 2: General Fund Comparative Summary Statement of Revenue:

Excluding the affects of various timing differences assocaited with cash receipts; overall general fund revenues are on target with budgetary estimates.

Real estate tax is still performing well, up by about \$4 million over last year and in line with projections. Overall, general property taxes are consistent with last year.

Other local taxes remained in line with expected year-to-date revenue. The decrease from the prior year in sales and use tax and other local tax revenues is mostly attributed to timing differences associated with year-end revenue adjustments.

Charges for services remain behind prior year collections due to a timing difference in the receipt of revenue from fees for refuse disposal.

Miscellaneous revenue is up from last year due to a timing difference in the receipt of revenue from payments in lieu of taxes.

Recovered costs trail last year due to a timing difference associated with recovered costs of general overhead from the Water Fund.

Non-categorical aid revenue is in line with current year projections; however, when compared to the prior fiscal year, revenues are down due to timing differences associated with rental car revenues.

Categorical aid—Federal is up when compared to last year due to the revenues from disaster relief aid.

Interfund transfers are in line with current year budget projections.

Item 3: General Fund Comparative Summary Statement of Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances:

The increae in expenditures over last year is due primarily to the increase in the expenditure budget and the fluctuations in spending patterns among various departments and the impact of Hurricane Isabel.

Item 4: Statement of Balances in Accounts-Selected Funds; Proprietary Funds:

The increased retained earnings deficit for Fleet Management is due to timing

differences associated with Fleet's billing system.

### **Write-Off Non-Collectible Public Utility Bills, FY99**

For fiscal year 1999 the dollar amount of non-collectible accounts is \$574,528 out of total billed revenue of \$99,481,830. Norfolk's collection rate for utility billing is over 99.4 percent of the total billings which is comparable to industry standards.

Extensive efforts are directed towards collection of delinquent accounts. A reminder notice is sent if the customer's final bill is not paid. Depending on the amount, delinquent final bills are either turned over to a collection agency or a judgment is pursued through the court system. Additionally, the City participates in the State Debt Set-off Program. This program allows the City to offset outstanding bills with State tax refunds owed to the customer. For fiscal year 1999, the Department of Utilities collected \$80,318 through the State Debt Set-off Program.

The Code of Virginia (VA. Code Ann. 8.01-246(4)) contains provisions that greatly increase the obstacles to successful collection after three (3) years and it is the City's policy, on an annual basis, to remove from the billing records the uncollected utility bills of this age.

### **First City-Wide Grants Symposium Held**

City staff in the Office of Grants Management facilitated the first City-Wide Grants Symposium on Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. The symposium was designed to increase staff's knowledge and skill level related to grant research and grant writing techniques. Thirty-one individuals from 15 departments attended the five hour training. All the Constitutional Officers were invited and the Commissioner of Revenue participated in the Symposium. Presenters at the Symposium, which provided hands on training, included Dr. Jean Fellitti from Christopher Newport University and Dr. Michael Daniels on loan to Norfolk State University from the State Department of Commerce.

The symposium is one of several strategies underway including the creation of a grant team network, enhanced use of existing and new technologies and enhanced training that are designed to identify viable federal, state and foundation funding opportunities. A recent study by the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) revealed how the state as a whole should work to increase grant funding opportunities. The study pointed out that while Virginia has typically ranked high among states in terms of total federal expenditures (primarily due to the strong military presence); the state ranks in the bottom tenth for federal grant obligations. The same is also true for private foundation grants that remain un-requested due to limited awareness of these funding opportunities.

In an effort to reverse this trend within the City of Norfolk, the Office of Grants Management is identifying opportunities for the City to leverage existing financial resources funding from federal, state and foundation sources. The symposium was a good

first step in achieving this goal.

## **Staff Views GOA Visit as a Success**

U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO) met with City staff from first responder departments on Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss Homeland Security issues. The meeting, which was rescheduled from January, was viewed as a success by staff. It provided an opportunity to discuss with GAO staff members our procedures as well as concerns regarding implementing the “Terror Alert” system.

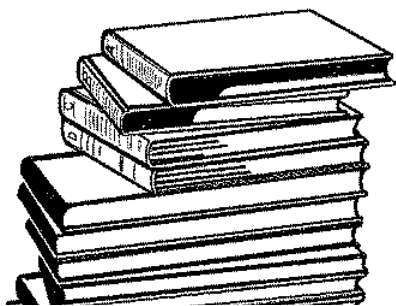
In addition to discussions of these issues, staff shared its recommendations for enhancing the overall system. These recommendations included:

- Establish a set protocol and streamline the process for getting information from the Department of Homeland Security to First Responders in a timely manner.
- Expedite the security clearance process for the City Manager and the Director of the Office of Emergency Services.
- Provide threat specific information when available so localities can make best use of their limited resources while maintaining continuity of operation.
- Establish a secure means of communication between the VDEM and local jurisdictions.
- Establish a secure best practices web site to post the results of the GOA survey and highlight innovative ideas regarding the HLS threat.

We believe that implementation of the above recommendations and increasing federal resources to state and local government in support of the “war on terrorism” are the two primary keys to making America’s communities safer.

## **LIBRARIES**

**A Message from the Library Director: Building a Community of Readers.** Over the next ten years, I think every effort this library and it’s community can make to improve the reading levels of it’s children will be extremely important for all of Norfolk. It is a topic that all citizens can do something about immediately. This something is to start reading to our newborns from birth to six and beyond. I say the next ten years because it takes time to change reading preparedness and community participation. It is essential that we see this as an effort that we must pay immediate attention to and that this



attention has to continue year after year. As a public library director, I think this is one of the most important things your local library can promote.

All children deserve the gift of reading readiness and the best first step is to have families read 15 minutes a day to children from the time the child is born right through starting kindergarten and beyond. It is not a hard



task and can actually be a wonderful daily experience for both the child and the adult.

In future newsletters I hope to continue to follow this topic and I will do everything I can as library director to help this community with this most important task. This year, give a child a very special gift; that of being read to daily.

### **Gain Computer Skills @ NPL**

Everyone is talking about the Internet. Are you feeling left out or behind the times? Are you looking to sharpen your Internet skills or your computer skills? Norfolk Public Library offers many computer classes that will help you accomplish these goals and more. You can learn how to surf the Internet, how to create documents in Word or how to use more advance software like PowerPoint, Access, and Excel. And it all is FREE!

Each month adult classes are offered at 5 different Norfolk Public Library location. These classes offer hands-on training and practice in an informal and friendly atmosphere. To register simply call the library offering the class.

There are also classes for those wishing to learn how to use the library's online databases. These databases are available in the library and through remote access from your home computer with a valid library card. Kirn Memorial Library even offers specialty classes that cover topics such as Tax Relief for Seniors, Getting a Business License, and more. So, come to the library and gain the necessary computer skills to succeed in today's job market. Remember, its free.

*Currently, the library is doing an assessment of all branches and Kirn Memorial Library to determine how to response to the high demand for Internet access. The Library wants to ensure that every building has enough computers. Every effort will be made to increase the number of computer workstations to meet the growing need. NPL employees are excited about the prospect of gaining new computers to serve the public.*

### **NPL's Online Databases**

For children and adults the library offers the opportunity to take advantage of the vast global online informational resources from home or in the library. Norfolk Public Library offers a wide variety of databases in an easy-to-access format.

The **Biography Resource Center** provides access to over one million bibliographies.



**Health Reference Center** is a one-stop reference center for health and wellness research integrating a variety of current, full-text sources.

**What Do I Read Next?** This database makes it easy for booklovers to discover their next reading adventure with descriptions of over 80,000 recommended books for all ages.

Create customized reading lists.

**Lit Finder** offers keyword searching of 700,000 indexed poems with the full-text for many. It also has thousands of full-text short stories with explanations and photos.

Other databases include full-text articles from newspapers, magazines, information on 10 million US businesses, lists of books in print, and government documents, some designed to meet the needs of junior and high school researchers.

### **Norfolk Public Library Volunteers: Making a Better Tomorrow- Today**

Volunteers are an integral part of the Library's daily operation. Though it is difficult to put a price tag on their contributions, past years' calculations have estimated that library volunteers contribute over 2500 hours and save the library close to fifty thousand dollars a year. They provide assistance in a variety of areas such as helping patrons, presenting classes, shelving books, participating in festivals and parades and performing general office work. Many present free library programs for adults, teens, and children. April 18-24 is National Volunteer Week. Remember to thank your library volunteers for donating their time and assistance. Our volunteers make a difference everyday.

### **AARP Offers Free Tax Assistance**

The American Association for Retired Persons (AARP) is offering free assistance to taxpayers with middle to low income in filing their federal and Virginia state income tax forms. Seniors age 60 and older will be given priority over others in line. For information on dates, times and locations, call your local branch or Norfolk Public Library's main number, 664-7323.

Mon. 12-4 p.m. Pretlow  
Wed. 12-4 p.m. Little Creek  
Thurs. 12-4 p.m. Janaf

### **Book Character, Arthur, Celebrates National Library Week @ NPL**

Norfolk Public Library joins public, academic, and special libraries across the country in celebrating National Library Week (April 18-24). This year Marc Brown's book character, Arthur, joins Norfolk Public Library celebrations. Join us for stories, crafts, activities and more. Bring your camera and take a picture with Arthur.

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Monday, April 19  
3:30 p.m., Janaf Branch \* 441-5660  
6:30 p.m., Pretlow Branch \* 441-1750

Tuesday, April 20

4:00 p.m., Kirn Memorial Library \* 664-7338

Wednesday, April 21

10:30 a.m., Horace C. Downing \* 441-1968

4:00 p.m., Van Wyck Branch \* 441-2884

Thursday, April 22

10:30 a.m., Jordan-Newby Branch \* 441-2843

4:00 p.m., Park Place Branch \* 664-7330

Friday, April 23

10:30 a.m., Little Creek Branch \* 441-1751

4:00 p.m., Blyden Branch Library \* 441-2852

Saturday, April 24

10:00 a.m., Lafayette Branch \* 441-2842

4:00 p.m., Larchmont Branch \* 441-5335

### **Van Wyck Branch Library's Used Book Sale**

Stop by Van Wyck Branch Library in June for the Friends of the Norfolk Public Library's annual summer Used Book Sale. Cool off this summer with a book purchased at bargain prices. **Friday, June 18, the sale will run from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday, June 19 doors open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 4:00 p.m.** Mark your calendar so you won't miss this sale. Children's books cost as little as .50 cents for paperbacks and \$1.00 for hardcovers. Adult paperbacks will sale for \$1-2.00, hardcovers for \$3.00, and videos for as little as \$1.00. Van Wyck Branch Library is located at 1368 DeBree Avenue, next to Maury High School. For more information, call 441-2844.

## **NAUTICUS**

### **FY 2003-2004 Operating Budget Amendment-Nauticus**

In May 2003, City Council authorized the appropriation of funds for the FY 2003-FY 2004 operating budget. City Council adopted an ordinance that amends the appropriation for Nauticus by \$248,000 to fund a contract between Nauticus and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Nauticus currently houses an office for NOAA's Ocean Service. The contract covers the build out of approximately 1,200 sq. ft. of space to house NOAA's Chesapeake Bay (Virginia) Office at Nauticus. In addition to building out space for NOAA educators these funds will be used for the design, construction and installation of interpretive exhibits at Nauticus. As per the contract agreement, NOAA will reimburse Nauticus as funds are expended.

## NEIGHBORHOOD AND LEISURE SERVICES

### Virginia Port Authority to fund landscaping for new Plum Point Park

The Virginia Port Authority will spend \$61,800 for landscape installation services provided by the City of Norfolk for Plum Point Park, which is located adjacent to the Midtown Tunnel. Installation services include all labor, equipment and materials necessary to install the planting per the approved landscaping plan.

Plum Point Park is an ongoing partnership between the City of Norfolk and the Virginia Port Authority. The Virginia Port Authority is funding Plum Point Park's \$1.3 million construction costs. The land for this project was conveyed to the City by the Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

Landscaping of Plum Point Park is the final phase of this project. Once the final landscaping inspections are completed, the City will take full responsibility for all future maintenance of the park site. The landscaping and inspection work is scheduled for completion this spring.

#### Project Description:

- Preserve as an Open Space
- Establish 1 Acre of Wetlands
- Stabilize the Shoreline
- Connect to Elizabeth River Bike Trail
- Remove Approximately 500 Old Piles and Other Debris

This cost includes all labor, equipment and materials necessary to install the planting per the landscape plan including the incorporation of organic matter into the replaced soil planting beds and mulching with shredded wood mulch.

### Recreation and Community Services

**Great Neighborhoods Don't "Just Happen".** The Good Times Great Neighborhoods publication has become the primary source of information about the leisure and recreational activities offered by NLS. This year, the department committed to provide a wider distribution of the Good Times Great Neighborhoods publication in an effort to reach the broader Norfolk Community. To that end, the Spring/Summer 2004 edition will be distributed through the "Virginia Pilot" newspaper on March 4, in addition to having the publications available at the various centers and on the Internet. This change required a massive restructuring of how the publication is designed, printed and distributed.



**Senior Weekly Bowling Program.** The Social Bowling Club meets each Monday, 9:30am, at AMF Bowling Lanes, 2441 East Little Creek Road and for a nominal \$5.05 per person includes three games of

bowling, shoe rental, and free beverages. There are nearly 40 enthusiastic bowlers every week, although the snow day, February 16, 2004 did impact attendance.

**Norfolk Senior Olympics.** Mark your calendar. The Senior Olympics will be held May 3, to May 6, 2004.

**Crossroads offers "Be Smart Don't Smoke" Presentation.** Jessica Taylor from "ydouthink.com" spoke to 54 daycare & 15 open recreation participants on the facts about smoking among youth in Virginia. Ms Taylor's entertaining and educational topic "Be Smart Don't Smoke" included giving each participant wristbands, buttons and breath mints encouraging them not to smoke.

### **Neighborhood Preservation**

**With neighborhoods, other departments and regional collaboration, Neighborhood Preservation is present.** Neighborhood Preservation in a continuing effort to insure a positive, stable presence in Norfolk neighborhoods has committed to attend Civic League and Community meetings. Recently, staff attending the Fairmount Park Task Force Meeting, Fairmount Park Steering Committee Meeting, Estabrook Civic League Meeting, Highland Park Civic League Meeting, First Blue Sector Meeting and Ghent Civic League Meeting.

Cross departmental cooperation was once again evidenced on Saturday, February 14, from 3p.m. to 11:30 p.m. as NLS codes inspector participated in a Police Mini Sweep of the Second Gold Sector. The sweep targeted problem areas, which included Alexander and Fairmount Park neighborhoods. Neighborhood Preservation staff was commended for the support and good work done in these communities. In addition, special praise was given to NLS staff on the prompt response in investigating approximately 15 properties as a result of complaints forwarded to him after the sweep.

### **Parks & Urban Forestry**

This week's maintenance challenge is to mow the Campostella landfill. An inspection by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) precipitated this early season mowing.

#### **Project Status:**

Colonial Avenue Park - 90% complete  
Booker T. High School - 70% complete  
Munson Park - 100% complete  
Airport Gateway Sign - 100% complete  
Campostella Road at City Line - 100% complete

Park and Urban Forestry has completed the planting of the Broad Creek Sign.

**New Tree Planted at City Hall.** City Hall received a new tree recently to replace the one damaged by Hurricane Isabel. Crews from Parks & Urban Forestry had been working for several weeks to prepare the plot of land in front of the City Hall Building. On Friday, February 27, they planted the new 20-foot Deodar Cedar, which is also evergreen and will serve as the City's holiday tree. Deodar cedar is a rapid growing graceful pyramidal-shaped tree that will reach a mature height of 70 feet or greater. Mature spread approximates the height. The graceful branches weep slightly and have a very soft texture. Once established, Deodar cedar is drought tolerant and is considered a low maintenance tree in southeastern Virginia. The new tree was delivered from a nursery in Richmond.

The large Eastern Red Cedar that had served as the City's official Christmas tree since 1975 was removed in January. The tree was removed because Hurricane Isabel partially uprooted the tree and broke several branches. Isabel's wrath, combined with damage from prior storms, left the tree in an unsightly condition.

**Urban Forestry Scores First Gold.** Urban Forestry earns its first Gold Award ever for their Safety Program after their most recent safety audit. The audit includes on site inspections for hazards as well as a program evaluation that includes requirements such as having an interactive safety committee that meets on a regular basis, communicating safety information to employees, providing critical training programs that are unique to the division, and maintaining mandatory programs such as hearing conservation, ergonomics, crane inspection, and personal protective equipment certification. Over the past three years, Forestry has also utilized a greater use of mechanical equipment to move trees during tree planting and they have developed a method to move smaller trees by hand that reduces the potential for back injury.

In spite of the extensive damage caused by Hurricane Isabel, Forestry suffered only one lost time injury associated with the hurricane clean up.

Also winning the Gold Audit Award is Streets and Bridges who have won this award for three years running.

## **Youth Development**

**Division team set to visit Orlando, Florida.** The Division of Youth Development team attended the National League of Cities' (NLC) Institute for Youth, Education, and Families cross site-training conference in Florida. As recipients of a technical assistance award from NLC, the City of Norfolk will receive professional support over an 8-10 month period to develop and implement Norfolk's proposed youth participation strategy. The team looks forward to representing Norfolk and will return with vital information that will benefit area non-profits; youth service providers and other key stakeholders.

## **Neighborhood Services**

**New Program Partnership Against Domestic Violence.** In a special partnership with the Department of Social Services and PACE, each of the Neighborhood Services



Centers in the Division of Neighborhood Services has teamed up to combat domestic violence by placing small hand sized *self help* cards in the ladies public restroom facilities. The self help card distribution program is designed to reach as many abused individuals as possible who visit the Neighborhood Service Centers by bringing awareness of the problem, provide supportive information and provide contact referrals for assistance. Most importantly, the cards provide individuals with a support plan in receiving help and other safety advice.

**Neighborhood Signs.** Civic leagues located in the northeast quadrant of the city are being contacted to verify replacement of neighborhood signs in their communities. Staff is diligently working to reach affected civic league presidents in an effort to restore neighborhood signs throughout the city one section at a time.

**Neighborhood University.** Neighborhood Services staff participated in a Career Fair at Granby High School's Evening School Program in February. Staff highlighted our Neighborhood University (NU) Program and provided NU handouts/applications and information on other program initiatives. Staff also answered student inquiries and registered many persons for upcoming classes sponsored by NU and registered for this year's World Changers Program.

### **Neighborhood Service Centers**

**Free Tax Help To Residents Continues.** In addition to providing Free Tax Help Services to Norfolk residents, February 3<sup>rd</sup> to April 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., the community partnership between the Huntersville Neighborhood Service Center and AARP Tax Aide Services, citizens have an opportunity to receive tax services right in their communities by contacting the Huntersville Neighborhood Service Center at 664-7400 for more information.

**Ocean View Trailer.** Service Transition – Plans are still pending to relocate program services from the Ocean View Trailer (3512 East Ocean View Avenue) to the proposed new Pretty Lake Permit Office located at 8132 Shore Drive in mid March. Quality services and current staffing will continue to be provided in the community.

### **Police Assisted Community Enforcement**

PACE Sector Team meetings are now being held at the Park Place Neighborhood Service Center, 606 W. 29<sup>th</sup> Street. Contact the Park Place Neighborhood Service Center at 664-7500 or 441-2400 for meeting dates and times.

**World Changers.** Plans for the World Changers Program are now underway for a successful summer program. Organizers met last week in preparation for an influx of additional applications due to Hurricane Isabel. World Changers organizers are especially

preparing for an increase in applications for roof repairs. More information related to World Changers will be available in coming months.

### **Update: Second Patrol Division, Red Sector, August, 2003-January, 2004**

Goal 1: Decrease the amount of actual or perceived criminal activity and increase the citizen's perception of personal safety

Activities:

- Officers have been assigned to patrol problem areas on foot and bicycle
- Officers were assigned to patrol the beaches during August
- Officers were assigned to monitor Northside Park during August
- Officers have been assigned to monitor problem night clubs during hours of operation
- Criminal enforcement sweeps have been conducted bi-monthly
- Crime reports and investigate information has been analyzed daily, various crime patterns have been identified and suppression strategies implemented.

Goal 2: Improve the quality of life in neighborhoods

Activities:

- Environmental enforcement sweeps have been conducted monthly
- Numerous vacant structures have been identified and secured
- Written permission to enforce trespass ordinances has been obtained from property owners/managers
- Multiple vehicles have been removed from public and private property
- Motor vehicle laws have been strictly enforced
- Noise ordinances have been strictly enforced

Goal 3: Enhance the community and police partnership

Activity: Officers have participated in all community meetings and events

*Illicit Drug Locations (Indiscreet):* Each report of suspected illicit drug activity at an indiscreet location such as a street corner will be handled in the following manner:

- Tracking from initiated and control number assigned
- Bike officers assigned to conduct preliminary investigation and initiate enforcement action as indicated (Any intelligence information will be submitted to

### V&N Division)

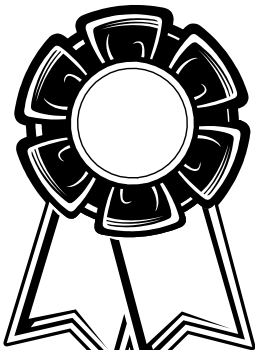
- District officers and supervisors assigned to consistently monitor and initiate enforcement action as indicated (Any intelligence information will be submitted to V&N Division)
- Periodic reviews by supervisors.

*Illicit Drug Locations (Discreet):* Each report of suspected illicit drug activity at a discreet location such as an apartment building or single family dwelling will be handled in the following manner:

- Tracking form initiated and control number assigned
- Target officer assigned to conduct preliminary investigation and follow-up
- Environmental inspection (Other agencies will participate as needed)
- Criminal activity assessment (Any intelligence information will be submitted to V&N Division)
- Identify/contact property owner/manager
- Initiate codes enforcement action as indicated
- Obtain written permission to enforce trespass ordinances
- Obtain tenant list
- Bike officers assigned to initiate criminal enforcement action as indicated (Additional officers assigned to assist as needed)
- Initiate common nuisance notification/prosecution procedure as indicated
- Periodic reviews by supervisors

## NORFOLK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

**KAB President's Circle Award to the NEC.** The Norfolk Environmental Commission received a Keep America Beautiful President's Circle Award at the President's Circle Luncheon, which took place during Keep America Beautiful's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary National Conference in Washington, D.C. The President's Circle Award was introduced this year to recognize exemplary effort made by affiliates in Keep America Beautiful's Network of Affiliates to reduce litter, minimize waste, and beautify and improve their local communities.



In qualifying for a President's Circle Award, the Norfolk Environmental Commission met Keep America Beautiful's standards of excellence by conducting an annual Litter Index and engaging volunteers to take greater responsibility for their community environment. In addition, award recipients must conduct activities in Keep America Beautiful's three core focus areas of litter prevention, waste reduction, and beautification/community improvement.

Keep America Beautiful uses a Litter Index as the tool to measure litter from year to year. The Index is a four-point scale, ranging from 1 (no litter) to 4 (extremely littered). Each year, participating affiliates grade their communities during a drive-by examination of the same areas at the same time of the year to assess if the area is more or less littered. This provides an indication of the success of each community's anti-littering education and other anti-littering programs. Good news! The Norfolk Environmental Commission conducted its Litter Index this past July; Norfolk rated a 1.68 on the Litter Index scale, which represents a drop of .26, or a 13% decrease in the amount of litter throughout the city!

**The Garden Gourmet.** The Norfolk Environmental Commission is happy to offer the "Garden Gourmet" composter for today's enlightened gardener. The "Garden Gourmet" is easy to assemble, requiring no tools. It is easy to use and this technically and environmentally sound piece of equipment is architecturally designed to enhance any landscape. A composting instruction booklet is included with simple assembly instructions.

Hampton Roads residents can pick-up their "Garden Gourmet" for \$62.70. All proceeds benefit environmental education programs at the Ernie Morgan Environmental Action Center. Cash and checks are accepted and \$14.00 of your purchase is tax deductible. Call 441-1347 and pick up yours today! The can be bought at the Center or at the Tanners Creek Garden Center in Riverview Village on Granby Street.

Please come by the Environmental Action Center or call 441-1347 for more information. An remember: Compost Happens! (It makes a great gift for any gardener!)

## POLICE

**Crime Statistics.** Crime statistics recorded under the Incident Based Reporting (IBR) system for the year-to-date through February reflect a 6.16 percent increase compared with statistics recorded as of last year this time. To date, nine homicides have occurred this year; the same number of homicides was recorded in February of 2003, resulting in a 0.00 percentage change. Sixteen rapes, compared with 14 in the first two months of 2003, have been recorded, for an increase of 14.29 percent. Robberies increased 9.92 percent. A decrease of 7.89 percent was recorded in the aggravated assault category, while non-aggravated assaults increased by 22.27 percent. Burglaries and larcenies increased 4.45 percent and 5.34 percent, respectively. Auto thefts decreased 14.04 percent, with 228 vehicles stolen by the end of February 2003 compared with 196 vehicles stolen during the same period this year. A 0.00 percentage change was recorded in the category of arson; for the year-to-date as well as through February 2003, one incident was recorded.

## PROJECT UPDATES



**City Staff Preparing To Install Four Way Stop Signs For Norview Area.** The City Attorney has reviewed the City's timeline

for public comment of proposed traffic control changes as a result of concerns raised by Councilmember's Burfoot at the February 17th Informal Council session. The City Attorney's review has determined that the 45 day time period required to process a traffic control sign ordinance is an administrative policy.

Since City Council is not bound by this timeline, I have directed the Department of Public Works to expedite its timetable for the potential installation of the new traffic controls pending approval of an ordinance that will be on the February 24th Council Agenda. The ordinance will request authorization for the placement of stop signs at the following locations along Central Avenue:

- Post stop sign on Wayne Circle at Central Avenue
- Post stop sign on Giles Circle at Central Avenue
- Post stop sign on Chatham Circle at Central Avenue
- Post stop sign on Central Avenue at Dare Circle

Please note that City staff also plans to work on identifying alternatives that could improve the timeliness of how proposed traffic control issues are processed and reviewed by Council. It would be my intention that feasible alternatives could be brought before the Legislative and Strategic Planning Committee before June.

**Bids Open for Boush Street Garage.** The bids for the Boush Street garage construction project opened on Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. The 6-1/2 story, 617 space garage project is on schedule and will address future demand for parking in the area. Please note that demolition of existing buildings on the garage construction site is ongoing. The site is expected to be cleared and suitable for construction in early April.

In a related project phase, the financial feasibility study is near completion. When complete, the City can issue bonds for the parking garage project financing.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

**Spring Is Here: Norfolk Resumes Its Street Resurfacing Program After Winter Hiatus.** The City will reactivate the FY 2003-2004 Pavement Management Program from its winter shutdown on Monday, March 1. Although Hurricane Isabel forced the Division of Streets and Bridges to rearrange its paving priorities, the resurfacing program is reaching its targets. Four of the seven areas designated as priorities for repaving were completed prior to the winter shutdown on December 1.

Planning districts can expect work to resume in the following order with initial operations concentrated on correcting outstanding warranty repairs: Sewells Gardens, Rosemont, Lafayette, North Ghent, West Ghent, Edgewater-Larchmont, Suburban Park and Lakewood.

North Shore and industrial park are two areas scheduled for repaving that are on hold at this time. Due to the storm damage caused by Hurricane Isabel, the City will have to complete extensive concrete repairs before repaving of North Shore is scheduled. The

Industrial Park area is also on hold pending completion of utility work.

## SCHOOLS

**Johnson Controls Donates a \$5K grant to the School of International Studies for the Media Center.** The School of International Studies at Meadowbrook received a \$5,000 grant from the Johnson Controls Company through their Educational Achievement Giving Program.

Johnson Controls, Meadowbrook's partner-in-education, awarded the grant to support the school's Media Center.

**Norview Middle's 7<sup>th</sup> Grader Mondre Pope is Silver Gloves Boxing Champion.**

Mondre Pope, a seventh grader at Norview Middle School, won a first place medal and a title belt at the 2004 Regional Silver Gloves Boxing Championship in Olatne, Kansas and will advance to the 2004 National Championships.

Last year, Mondre won the 2003 State Regional Tournament and 2003 Golden and Silver Glove Regional Tournament. Over a three-year period, he has a record of 31 wins and one loss. His next step is the U.S. Jr. Olympics Team.

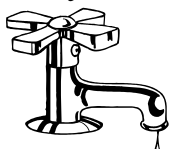
## UTILITIES

**Utilities Receives Top Safety Awards.** The Department of Utilities' safety program recently received local and statewide recognition with two awards, one from the City of Norfolk and the other from the Virginia Section of the American Water Works Association (AWWA).

Every year the City Safety and Health Officer, Dan Hurley, conducts a citywide safety audit. The audit evaluates the safety program of each City department, awarding points for compliance with major portions of OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Agency) regulations. Areas of inspection include the creation of active safety committees, documentation of equipment and facility inspections, and programs such as training, fire evacuation, and safety incentives.

In addition to the citywide attention, the Norfolk Utilities was also recognized by the Virginia Section AWWA for its outstanding workplace safety. At the Section's annual conference in October, the department received the 2003 Award of Honor in recognition of its safety achievements.

**Utilities CIP Update.** The City of Norfolk has completed surveying for the Bi-County Road wastewater improvements and will soon begin the design phase. This project will reduce sanitary sewer overflows and improve sewer service for the residents along Bi-County Road. Project construction could begin as early as fall 2004.



**Water Saving Device #89: Your Ears.** Listen for dripping faucets and toilets that flush themselves. Fixing a leak can save 500 gallons of water each month. For more water-saving tips, go to [www.hrwet.org](http://www.hrwet.org).



# FYI

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## IRS UPDATES THE 'DIRTY DOZEN' FOR 2004: AGENCY WARNS OF NEW SCAMS

IR-2004-26, March 1, 2004

WASHINGTON — In an update of an annual consumer alert, the Internal Revenue Service urged taxpayers to avoid falling victim to one of the “Dirty Dozen” tax scams and a variety of other schemes. In the new 2004 ranking, several new scams have reached the top of the consumer watch list, including abusive trusts and the “claim of right” doctrine.

In addition, the IRS has taken a new step this year and issued 10 new pieces of legal guidance involving scams in the “Dirty Dozen” and other tax schemes. The new guidance debunks the schemes and provides new legal details to help tax practitioners and taxpayers.

"At the IRS, we're augmenting our enforcement resources to attack schemes and scams. While we're actively targeting promoters, taxpayers themselves should be wary of anyone who promises to eliminate their taxes," said IRS Commissioner Mark W. Everson. "Don't be fooled by these outrageous claims. There is no secret way to escape paying taxes."

The IRS and other federal agencies are aggressively pursuing and successfully prosecuting promoters of these schemes and many of their clients for fraud and tax evasion. Participation in these schemes can result in imprisonment, fines and repayment of taxes owed with interest and penalties. Even innocent taxpayers involved in these schemes can face a staggering amount of back interest and penalties.

Taxpayers who suspect tax fraud can report it to the IRS at 1-800-829-0433.

The IRS urges people to avoid these common schemes:

1. **Misuse of Trusts.** Promoters of abusive tax transactions are increasingly urging taxpayers to transfer assets into trusts. The promoters promise a variety of benefits, such as the reduction of income subject to tax, deductions for personal expenses paid by the trust and reduction of gift or estate taxes. Taxpayers should be aware that abusive trust arrangements will not produce the tax benefits advertised by their promoters and that the IRS is actively examining these types of trust arrangements. More than a dozen injunctions have been obtained against promoters, and numerous promoters and their clients have been criminally prosecuted. Before entering any trust arrangements, taxpayers should seek the advice of a trusted tax professional.

2. **"Claim of Right" Doctrine.** In this emerging scheme, people file returns and attempt to take a deduction equal to the entire amount of their wages. The promoters advise them to label the deduction as “a necessary expense for the production of income”

or “compensation for personal services actually rendered”. The deduction is based on a complete misinterpretation of the Internal Revenue Code and has no basis in law.

3. **Corporation Sole.** The idea is that the arrangement entitles the individual to exemption from federal income taxes as a nonprofit, religious organization as described in tax laws. When used as intended, Corporation Sole statutes enable religious leaders — typically bishops or parsons — to become incorporated as individuals as a way of separating themselves legally from the control and ownership of church assets. But the rules have been twisted at seminars where promoters charge fees of up to \$1,000 or more per person. Would-be participants are mistakenly told that Corporation Sole laws provide a “legal” way to escape paying federal income taxes, child support and other personal debts.

4. **Offshore Transactions.** Some people use offshore transactions to avoid paying United States taxes. Use of an offshore bank account, brokerage account, credit card, wire transfer, trust, offshore employee leasing or other arrangement to hide or underreport income or to claim false deductions on a federal tax return is illegal. A taxpayer involved in these schemes could be subject to payment of taxes, interest, penalties and potential criminal prosecution. This was the top scam in the 2003 “Dirty Dozen.” A special program last year has yielded more than \$170 million in taxes, interest and penalties, and the IRS and the states continue to aggressively pursue taxpayers and promoters in this area.

5. **Employment Tax Evasion.** The IRS has seen a number of illegal schemes that instruct employers not to withhold federal income tax or other employment taxes from wages paid to their employees. These schemes are based on an incorrect interpretation of “Section 861” and other parts of the tax law and have been refuted in court. Recent court cases have resulted in criminal convictions of promoters. Employer participants could also be held responsible for back payments of employment taxes, plus penalties and interest. Employees who have no withholdings are still responsible for payment of their personal taxes.

6. **Return Preparer Fraud.** Unscrupulous return preparers can cause a lot of problems for taxpayers who use their services. Abusive return preparers derive financial gain by diverting a portion of the taxpayer’s refund for their own benefit, charging inflated fees for the return preparation services, and increasing their clientele by advertising guaranteed larger refunds. Taxpayers should choose carefully when hiring a tax preparer — no matter who prepares the return, the taxpayer is ultimately responsible for all of the information on that return.

7. **Americans with Disabilities Act.** Another scheme seen for several years involves the purchase of equipment and services that the promoter alleges meets the strict criteria of the Disabled Access Credit, which was created with the passage of the “Americans with Disabilities Act”. A minimal payment is made and a non-recourse note signed. The

investor then provides insignificant services to complete the purchase agreement. This scheme is based on an incorrect interpretation of law and an over-inflated value of the services rendered.

8. **African-Americans Get a Special Tax Refund.** Thousands of African-Americans have been misled by people offering to file for tax credits or refunds related to reparations for slavery. There is no such provision in the tax law. Some unscrupulous promoters have encouraged clients to pay them to prepare a claim for this refund. But the claims are a waste of money. Promoters of reparations tax schemes have been convicted and imprisoned. And taxpayers could face a \$500 penalty for filing such claims if they do not withdraw the claim. Related scams include claiming an illegal tax credit by misusing Form 2439, "Notice to Shareholder of Undistributed Long-Term Capital Gains." The slavery reparations scam was at the top of the 2002 "Dirty Dozen," and, although claims have fallen considerably, the IRS continues to see activity in this area.

9. **Improper Home-Based Business.** This scheme purports to offer tax "relief" but in reality is illegal tax avoidance. The promoters of this scheme claim that individual taxpayers can deduct most, or all, of their personal expenses as business expenses by setting up a bogus home-based business. But the tax code firmly establishes that a clear business purpose and profit motive must exist in order to generate and claim allowable business expenses. This scam has been around for years, but the IRS continues to see activity in this area.

10. **Frivolous Arguments.** Frivolous arguments are false arguments that are unsupported by law. When a scheme promoter says "I don't pay taxes – why should you" or urges you to "untax yourself for \$49.95," beware. The ads may claim that the promoter knows the "secret" for never paying taxes again, but that's just plain wrong. The U.S. courts have continuously rejected this and other frivolous arguments. Unfortunately, people across the country have paid for the "secret" of not paying taxes or have bought "untax packages." Then they find out that following the advice contained in them can result in civil and/or criminal penalties. Numerous sellers of the bogus schemes have been convicted on criminal tax charges. More than a dozen injunctions have been issued.

11. **Identity Theft.** Identity thieves use someone's personal data to steal his or her financial accounts, run up charges on the victim's existing credit cards, apply for new loans, credit cards, services or benefits in the victim's name and even file fraudulent tax returns. The IRS is aware of several identity theft scams involving taxes or the IRS. In one example, fraudsters sent bank customers fictitious bank correspondence and IRS forms in an attempt to trick them into disclosing their personal and banking data. In another, abusive tax preparers have used clients' Social Security numbers and other information to file false tax returns without the clients' knowledge. For taxpayers, it pays to be choosy about disclosing personal and financial information. And the IRS encourages taxpayers to carefully select a reputable tax professional.

**12. Share/Borrow EITC Dependents.** Unscrupulous tax preparers "share" one client's qualifying children with another client in order to allow both clients to claim the Earned Income Tax Credit. For example, one client may have four children but only needs to list two to get the maximum EITC. The preparer will list two children on the first client's return and the other two on another client's tax return. The preparer and the client "selling" the dependents split a fee. The IRS prosecutes the preparers of such fraudulent claims, and participating taxpayers could be subject to civil penalties.

Beyond the "Dirty Dozen," the IRS sees many more tax schemes. In one, a telephone caller says you've won a prize, and all you have to do to get it is to pay the income tax due — to the caller. Other scams can play off recent news events, such as one last year targeting members of the military.

"Taxpayers should think carefully before paying for services or signing important documents," Everson said. "Don't be a victim of these scams or others that promise the moon. They carry a high price."

## GET READY FOR MOSQUITOES

*The Virginia Department of Health recommends the following tips to reduce exposure to mosquitoes:*

- Wear long, loose and light-colored clothing.
- Use insect repellent products with no more than 50 percent DEET for adults and less than 10 percent for children. Follow instructions when using insect repellents.
- Mosquitoes can breed in as little as a teaspoon full of water. Turn over or remove containers in your yard where water collects, such as old tires, potted plant trays, buckets and toys.
- Eliminate standing water on tarps or flat roofs. Clean roof gutters and downspout screens.
- Clean out birdbaths and wading pools once a week.

## 2003 A RECORD YEAR FOR TORNADES IN VIRGINIA

According to the National Weather Service, 2003 was the most active year for Virginia tornadoes in more than 50 years of recorded storm data. From Roanoke to Loudoun County to Virginia Beach, a record 31 confirmed twisters hit Virginia last year.



The majority of the tornadoes to hit the state last year were F0 or F1 on the [Fujita Wind Damage Scale](#) with winds of up to 112 mph. Though these weather events were weak and short-lived, Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) State Coordinator Michael Cline cautions that tornadoes often strike with little or no advance warning and can destroy lives and property.

"Tornadoes can occur anytime and anywhere,"

says Cline. "Regardless of where you live in Virginia, now is the time to start thinking about tornado preparedness and safety."

Environmental clues that may indicate an approaching tornado include a dark, often greenish sky, large hail and a loud roar similar to a freight train. The general rule for tornado safety is "go low and stay low," meaning go to the lowest level of the structure away from windows and crouch in a low position with your head covered.

"Being prepared and using a NOAA Weather Radio can give citizens sufficient time to take action before a tornado strikes," says Wakefield Warning Coordination Meteorologist Bill Sammler. "The National Weather Service issues watches and warnings to alert the public about possible tornadoes."

Know the difference between a watch and a warning:

- A tornado **WATCH** means weather conditions are favorable for the development of severe thunderstorms and tornadoes. If a tornado **WATCH** is broadcast, stay tuned for further information and possible **WARNINGS**. Be prepared to take cover if necessary.
- A tornado **WARNING** means a tornado has actually been sighted. **WARNINGS** are issued for individual counties and include the tornado's location, direction and speed. If you are in or near its path, seek shelter immediately. Don't attempt to look for the tornado. Many Virginia tornadoes are obscured by rain and may not be visible at all or until it is too late to take cover.

The Virginia Department of Emergency Management and National Weather Service offer the following tornado safety tips. Knowing these simple safety rules could save your life.

### **TORNADO SAFETY TIPS**

- Know the names of the counties, cities and towns near you. It will be easier to track the tornado's direction if you are familiar with the geography of your area.
- Focus on finding appropriate shelter for your location and protecting yourself while there.
  - **Homes:** Go to your basement. If you don't have a basement, move to a small, windowless interior room such as a closet, bathroom or interior hall on the lowest level of the house. Avoid windows and protect your body from flying debris with a heavy blanket or sleeping bag. (Do not open windows to equalize pressure because it is ineffective in reducing tornado damage.)
  - **Mobile homes:** Leave immediately and seek shelter inside a nearby sturdy building or lie down flat in a ditch away from your home covering your head with your hands. Mobile homes are extremely unsafe during tornadoes.
  - **Open buildings (shopping malls, gymnasiums or civic centers):** Try to get into the restroom or hallway. In larger buildings, these areas are usually made of concrete block and will offer more protection. If there is no time to go anywhere else, seek shelter right where you are. Try to get up against

something that will support or deflect falling debris and protect your head by covering it with your arms.

- **Outdoors:** Try to find shelter immediately in the nearest substantial building. If no buildings are close, lie down flat in a ditch or depression and cover your head with your hands.
- **Automobiles:** Get out of your vehicle and try to find shelter inside a sturdy building. A culvert or ditch can provide shelter if a substantial building is not nearby. **DO NOT** take shelter under a highway overpass.

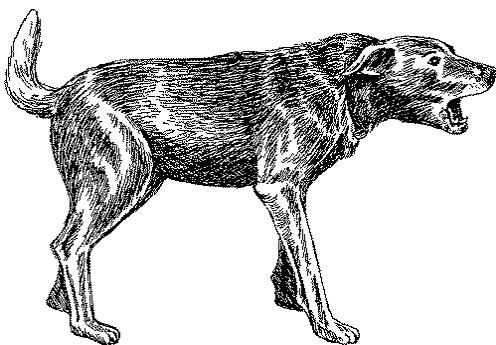
## HOW TO DEAL WITH AGGRESSIVE ANIMALS

### *What to do when a dog approaches you.*

The most important thing to remember when confronted by an aggressive dog is not to run. There are several things you can do to minimize the risk of attack.

- **DO NOT TURN YOUR BACK ON THE DOG!**
- Stand still facing the animal but do not look it directly in the eyes. Direct eye contact may be seen as a challenge by an aggressive animal and can prompt an attack
- While watching the dog, try to move slowly backward to a place of safety.
- If approached, stand still and “act like a tree.” The dog may decide that you are not a threat and move on
- If attacked, drop to the ground face down and cover the back of your neck with your clasped fingers. This protects the vital parts of your body

### *AFTER AN ATTACK*



If you are attacked, whether you are bitten or not, report the incident to Animal Protection immediately. Try to provide the following information

Your name, address, and telephone number

A description of the dog including breed, size, color, any collars or tags

Last location you saw the animal and the owner's

location if known

- The extent of your injuries including bites, scratches, or other damages.

### *REPORTING A BITE*

If you are scratched or bitten by any animal, you must report it to the Health Department at 683-2712. A Rabies Control Officer will attempt to quarantine the animal and notify

you of any rabies concerns. Animal Protection works with the Health Department to insure that animals are properly quarantined. The animal will also be checked for current license and rabies vaccination paperwork. You or your physician can obtain this information by contacting the investigating officer. You must report any such exposure within 24 hours.

### **BEFORE PRESSING CHARGES**

- Consult with the Animal Protection Unit about having the City file the charges. Under certain circumstances, the City Attorney's Office may assist with prosecution of these cases. Having an experienced Animal Protection Unit Officer handling the case is always helpful. A copy of the Norfolk City Code is available at local libraries, the Animal Management Center and online at the City of Norfolk Website "www.norfolk.gov" .

### **PRESSING CHARGES**

- If you decide to press charges, the Animal Protection Unit can assist you by providing the dog owner's information. You will need this along with several things before you see a magistrate. Please understand YOU WILL HAVE TO APPEAR IN COURT AND TESTIFY IN PERSON.

- The date, time, and place where the attack happened
- The owner's name, sex, race, and other information provided by Animal Protection
- An ACCURATE description of the attacking animal (s)
- You will be required to complete a Criminal Complaint Form in writing at the Magistrate's Office. In it you will describe what happened to you and then swear or affirm that the complaint is true. You will be subpoenaed to appear and testify about the events that occurred that day. If an Animal Protection Unit Officer investigated the actual incident and filed charges, he or she may appear in court; however, if you filed the charges, you must present your case to the Judge .

### **WHAT CAN HAPPEN IN COURT**

- All animal cases are heard in Norfolk General District Court #5 (Criminal Division). The Court can do several things as a result of either Dangerous Animal or Vicious Animal charges.

- The owner can face fines and jail time
- The dog may be ordered confined, removed from the City, or destroyed
- The owner may be required to have a Dangerous Dog Permit to be allowed to keep the dog

### **WHAT ABOUT DAMAGES ?**

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If you or your animal is injured by an aggressive dog, the Court sometimes orders restitution for medical bills. This could prevent you from bringing a CIVIL ACTION for damages at a later date so seek professional legal advice before asking for compensation to preserve your legal rights.

If you do have bills you wish to present to the court, make sure you have a copy for the Judge, the Defendant (dog owner) and yourself.

### **CITY TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

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| Norfolk Animal Protection                | 664-7387 |
| Norfolk Police Non Emergency Dispatcher  | 441-5610 |
| Norfolk General District Court #5        | 664-4915 |
| Norfolk Health Department Rabies Control | 683-2712 |
| Norfolk Magistrate                       | 664-4799 |
| Norfolk Sanitation (Dead animals)        | 441-5813 |

### **ANIMAL AGENCY NUMBERS**

These numbers are offered for information purposes only. This does not imply an endorsement of the contents of this brochure by the listed agencies.



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| Norfolk SPCA                  | 622-3319 |
| Tidewater Humane Inc.         | 497-7729 |
| Animal Assistance League      | 548-0045 |
| Chesapeake Animal Bureau      | 382-8080 |
| PETA Community Animal Project | 622-7382 |
| Portsmouth Humane Society     | 397-6004 |
| Portsmouth Animal Control     | 393-8876 |
| Suffolk Animal Control        | 925-6416 |
| Virginia Beach Animal Control | 427-4158 |
| Virginia Beach SPCA           | 427-0070 |

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# IN THE COMMUNITY

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## **FORKIDS CHILDREN'S ART AUCTION**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual FORkids Children's Art Auction will be on April 2, 2004 at Norfolk's World Trade Center. Doors open at 6:30 with the auction to begin at 7 p.m. The theme of the event is "Building a Brighter Future."

All proceeds from the auction of formerly homeless children's art, works by local artists, gourmet items, luxury services and travel packages will benefit FORkids. Local dignitaries who have created art with FORkids children include ODU Women's Basketball Coach Wendy Larry, Mayor Paul Fraim and WAVY-TV 10's Kerri Matson. This art will be available for auction.

FORkids is a continuum of programs that helps prevent formerly homeless families from becoming homeless again. We provide emergency shelter, transitional housing, permanent housing, and aftercare services in order to help families learn the skills they need to strengthen their lives and become self-sufficient.

Catering will be provided by Brutti's. Music by *Sol Libre* and opened by Sonya Lorelle.

To buy tickets (\$20 each includes food & entertainment, cash bar) call the FORkids office at 622-6400. Tickets will also be available at the door.

## **TOP FOUR DIVISION III NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAMS COMPETE IN TOURNEY**

The top four Division III NCAA Women's Basketball Teams in the country will compete in the Jane P. Batten Student Center March 18-20 at Virginia Wesleyan.

In addition to the tournament, there will be many other activities for the entire family. Saturday morning, the Virginia Wesleyan coaches and players will hold a youth basketball clinic for all boys and girls (K-6), providing an opportunity for children to get up close and personal with the college athletes. For more information about the youth clinic, contact Allison Graf via e-mail [agraf@wwc.edu](mailto:agraf@wwc.edu) or call (757) 455-3137.

Also, J.J. Jumper, the official mascot of NCAA Basketball, will be at all events to show children how much fun basketball can be! J.J. Jumper encourages kids to engage in healthy physical activity while also teaching them good emotional and educational values.

For additional information about the championship weekend, please visit [www.vwc.edu](http://www.vwc.edu).

# THINGS TO SEE AND DO

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## **Norfolk 4-H Junior Summer Camp**

## **July 19-23, 2004**

Four-H is the youth development education program of Virginia Cooperative Extension. Four-H is committed to assisting youth, and those adults working with them, in acquiring the knowledge, life skills, and attitudes that will enable them to become self-directing, contributing and productive members of society. The central theme of 4-H education is "learn by doing".

4-H summer camp is cooperative living in a natural environment which focuses on the child's social, spiritual, mental and physical development. The Airfield 4-H Educational Center is located in Wakefield, about one hour and fifteen minutes from Norfolk. The site consists of 220 acres of wooded land that is surrounded by a pond. The trees, nature trails, wildlife and the pond are used as outdoor classrooms for the campers. One of the most popular spots at camp is the swimming pool. Certified lifeguards supervise pool activities. Living quarters include four lodges which house 208 people. Each room contains bunk beds, carpeting, bathroom with shower and air conditioning. Each lodge contains handicapped accessible rooms.

The campers are supervised by the Extension Agent and trained adult and teen volunteers. The classes are taught by volunteers and college students. Each child is assigned a counselor who shares a room and meals with the child and is available for support.

Norfolk camp will be held July 19-July 23, 2004. Boys and girls 9 to 13 years old are eligible to attend camp. The fee is \$180. All balances are due by June 20. Installment payments are accepted. Fee includes transportation to the 4-H Center and return, three nutritious meals a day that are served family style, four nights lodging and a camp t-shirt. The bus leaves from the Harrison Opera House rear parking lot (corner of Granby Street and Va Beach Blvd) on Monday, July 19, at 9:00 a.m. and returns to the Harrison Opera House on Friday, July 23, at 12:00 p.m.

An exciting week has been planned for the campers. This is a wonderful opportunity for city kids to have fun in the woods!! For more information and registration form, please call 683-2816.

## **ANNUAL VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL TATTOO CELEBRATES ITS 8<sup>TH</sup> SEASON AT SCOPE**

### ***"A spectacle of music and might" --- CBS Sunday Morning***

Presented in the grand tradition of the world's oldest tattoos in Edinburgh and Nova Scotia, the Virginia International Tattoo, now the largest tattoo in the U.S., presents its all-new show for 2004! The Tattoo celebrates its eighth season at Norfolk Scope April 23-25. Fun for all ages, the Tattoo promises a spectacle of 700 performers from around the globe: massed pipes and drums, gymnasts, dancers, choral groups, marching bands, precision drill teams, and many more. A carefully crafted mix of pageantry and patriotism, this is one tattoo you'll never regret!

**Show Times:****Friday, April 23, 7:30pm****Saturday, April 24, 7:30pm****Sunday, April 25, 2:30pm****Tickets are \$42, \$37, \$26, \$20 and students ½ off.**

For more information, call 757.282.2822 or visit [www.vafest.org](http://www.vafest.org)

**CHRYSLER HALL****ALVIN AILEY® AMERICAN DANCE THEATER PERFORMS**

Experience the vitality, beauty and joy of the world's most renowned modern dance company in downtown Norfolk. The Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater will perform at Chrysler Hall as part of the 2004 Virginia Arts Festival. Celebrating its 45th anniversary this season, this amazing troupe enjoys a reputation worldwide as one of the most acclaimed ambassadors of American culture. Marvel at the physical and dramatic forces these dancers bring to the stage and rejoice in the passion and artistry of The Ailey.

“...the most widely seen dance company on the planet...with the most magnificent, distinctive and extraordinary well trained assemblage of dancers in the world.” – *voiceofdance.com* (Berkeley, CA)

**Program I Tues., May 4, 7:30 PM****Program II Wed., May 5, 7:30 PM****Tickets: \$20, \$35, \$45, \$60****CIRQUE ÉLOIZE**

The Virginia Arts Festival has included Quebec's Cirque Éloize in its 2004 line-up of events scheduled for Chrysler Hall. The show is among today's most acclaimed 'contemporary circus' troupes, performs Italian style (no big top), at the world's top festivals including Edinburgh, the Sydney Opera House, and the Hollywood Bowl. The intimacy of the theater stage and a live minstrel band add warmth and humanism to their oh-so-original works. *NOMADE* is a poetic journey across the endless night sky, a magical dream world of song, dance, music, and gravity-defying juggling and acrobatics. Spellbinding!

“Cirque Éloize communicates in the universal language of fun.” --*The New York Times*

**Tues. & Wed., May 11 & 12, 7:30 P.M.**

**Tickets: \$45, \$35, \$25, \$15**

### **MOSCOW FESTIVAL BALLET PERFORMS *CINDERELLA***

The lauded Moscow Festival Ballet will perform *Cinderella* at Norfolk's Chrysler Hall Theatre as part of the 2004 Virginia Arts Festival. *Cinderella* combines the best of the Bolshoi and the Kirov Ballet, presenting lavish Russian classics such as this -- the Bolshoi Theater's original (1945) *Cinderella*. World-acclaimed dancers, Rostislav Zakharorovin's original choreography, storybook costumes and scenery, the Virginia Symphony, Prokofiev's enchanting score... Who could ask for more?

**Sat., April 24 8:00 PM Sun., April 25 2:00 PM**

**Tickets: \$60, \$45, \$35, \$20**

For more information, call 757.282.2822 or visit [www.vafest.org](http://www.vafest.org)

### **PETER AND THE WOLF**

He's back- Peter, plus the Wolf, and a menagerie of musical pals. The Virginia Symphony Orchestra and Spectrum Puppets will entertain Hampton Roads families at Chrysler Hall as a part of the Virginia Arts Festival 2004 line-up. In this classic fairy tale, the characters are portrayed by different instruments: Peter's played by strings; the Duck, an oboe; and Grandpa's a bassoon. Spectrum's life-sized puppets make this fantasy a fun-for-all!

This event is a Co-production of the Virginia Arts Festival and the Virginia Symphony Orchestra.

**Sun., May 16, 3:00 PM**

**Tickets: \$20, \$18, \$15**

### ***VOICES OF LIGHT / "THE PASSION OF JOAN OF ARC"***

This simply unforgettable performance will be presented and performed at Norfolk's Chrysler Hall Theatre by the Virginia Symphony Orchestra and the Virginia Chorale ! With all the power and glory of Carmina Burana, this celebration of female heroism and spirituality is a brilliant blend of Richard Einhorn's first oratorio, *Voices of Light*, performed live during a screening of Carl Dreyer's silent film masterpiece, "The Passion of Joan of Arc," starring Renée Falconetti as one of history's most legendary women.

"An overwhelming experience." – *New York Post*

**Sat., May 8, 8:00 PM**

**Sun., May 9, 2:30 PM**

**Tickets: \$70, \$55, \$45, \$35, \$29**

For more information, call 757.282.2822 or visit [www.vafest.org](http://www.vafest.org)

## **CHRYSLER MUSEUM OF ART**

### **SENIORS ART FORUM**

*The Seniors Art Forum is a senior citizens group that meets on the first Saturday of every month at 2 p.m. for a tour, discussion, and light refreshments. No reservations are necessary for individuals, but please call Kristi McMillan at (757) 333-6268 for group reservations.*

## **COMMISSION ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES**

The City of Norfolk, through the Norfolk Commission on the Arts and Humanities, supports a number of our community's cultural programs and organizations. 2004 events include:

### **CONTINUING**

*Alexander Calder Tapestries* continues through March.

*Murano: Glass from the Olnick Spanu Collection* continues through April 25<sup>th</sup>. *Silver Images: The Photography Collection at 25* continues through August 15<sup>th</sup>. *Chrysler Museum of Art*. 664-6200\*

*Rock Paper Scissors*. Group exhibition continues through March 21<sup>st</sup>. *University Gallery, ODU*. 683-2355

*Talley's Folly*. Virginia Stage Company presents Lanford Wilson's Pulitzer Prize winning "warmhearted theatrical valentine" through March 21<sup>st</sup>. *Wells Theatre*. 627-1234\*

### **MARCH**

**16 (Tues.) – 7:30 pm Israel Philharmonic Orchestra.** Virginia Arts Festival presents the revered Israel Philharmonic Orchestra with special guest Emanuel Ax, conducted by Yoel Levi, performing Russian classics including Prokofiev and Shostakovich. *Wilder Performing Arts Center, NSU*. 282-2822\*

**20 (Sat.) – 2 pm Classical Period Piano Competition.** Old Dominion University presents the only regional competition of its kind; students from kindergarten through college compete in various categories, judged by Malcom Bilson; open to the public. *Chandler Recital Hall, ODU*. 683-4061

**20 (Sat.) – 8 pm Broadway Pops!** Virginia Chorale performs great popular melodies including works by Rodgers & Hammerstein, Berlin, Lerner & Lowe, Andrew Lloyd Webber, and Stephen Sondheim. *Nauticus Maritime Center Theater*. 627-8375\*

**21 (Sat.) – 3 pm Student Choreography Showcase.** Governor's School of the Arts Dance Department presents "traveling showcase" of choreography created specifically for five different Downtown spaces; performance begins at the Black Box Theatre. Rain date is Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. *GSA Black Box Theatre*. 628-2746\*

**21 (Sun.) – 3 pm Classical Period Piano Competition Master Class.** Taught by Malcom Bilson for competition winners; open to the public. *Chandler Recital Hall, ODU*. 683-4061

**21 (Sun.) – 6 pm Playwrights Forum.** Experience the evolution of a work-in-progress with readings, stagings, discussions, and workshops presented by local playwrights. *Generic Theater*. 441-2160\*

**22 (Mon.) – 8 pm Malcom Bilson, Piano.** Concert by the juror for Old Dominion University's annual Classical Period Piano Competition, presented by the F. Ludwig Diehn Concert Series. *Chandler Recital Hall, ODU*. 683-5305\*

**26 (Fri.) – 8 pm Con Amore.** Virginia Ballet Theatre presents a whimsical tale, originally choreographed by Lew Christensen, of bandit-chasing Amazons and a flirtatious bride that entertains an entourage of admirers. Set to overtures by Rossini, the performance repeats 8 pm Saturday, 3/27, and 2 pm Sunday, 3/28. *Roper Performing Arts Center, TCC*. 671-8100\*

**27 (Sat.) – 1 pm and 4 pm Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse.** Virginia Stage Company presents their first landmark children's production on the mainstage. Kevin Henkes' popular children's book, adapted for theatre by Kevin Kling, features Lilly—hip, happening and the newest diva on the scene—with her best friends Chester and Wilson. Special book readings will also take place at area libraries and bookstores. Performances continue Sunday 3/28, Saturday 4/3, and Sunday 4/4. *Wells Theatre*. 627-1234\*

**27 (Sat.) – 7 pm Italian Paintings.** Exhibition of ten contemporary Italian painters, co-curated with Assunta Cuozzo, Professor of Modern Art at the University of Venice; show continues through April 25<sup>th</sup>. *University Gallery, ODU*. 683-2355

**28 (Sun.) – 3 pm Songs of Ned Rorem and Jake Heggie.** Program meeting of the Virginia Art Song Society. *Hofheimer Theater, VWC*. 552-1608\*

**29 (Mon.) – 8 pm 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert.** Norfolk Chamber Consort concludes its

35<sup>th</sup> season with Igor Stravinsky's timeless classic, "The Soldier's Tale." The fully staged production, conducted by Dennis Zeisler, will feature guest speakers and the Dance Department of Old Dominion University. *Chandler Recital Hall, ODU*. 440-1803\*

## APRIL

**3 (Sat.) – 8 pm *Three Chandos*.** Cantata Chorus presents concert of anthems by G. F. Handel. *Christ and St. Luke's Church*. 481-2301\*

**9 (Fri.) – 8 pm *Spring Performance Festival*.** Annual series of student-directed one-act plays and performance pieces opens and continues through April 18<sup>th</sup>. *Stables Theatre, ODU*. 683-5305\*

**9 (Fri.) – *Student Gallery 2004*.** Exhibition of finalists' work from regional competition for high school juniors and seniors opens and continues through May 7<sup>th</sup>. *Chrysler Museum of Art*. 664-6200\*

**17 (Sat.) – 8 pm *American Fanfare*.** Virginia Symphony's Classical Masterworks Series conducted by Norfolk native Thomas Wilkins and featuring Stanislav Ioudenitch, piano, on a program of Torke, Saint-Saëns, and Copland. Program repeats Sunday, 4/18, at 2:30 pm. *Chrysler Hall*. 892-6366\*

**17 (Sat.) – 8 pm *B. B. King*.** Virginia Symphony's Spotlight Series presents the king of the blues. *Constant Convocation Center, ODU*. 671-8100\*

**19 (Mon.) – 8 pm *Steve Wilson, Jazz Trumpet*.** Presented by the F. Ludwig Diehn Concert Series performing with the John Toomey Trio. *Chandler Recital Hall, ODU*. 683-5305\*

**21 (Wed.) – 8 pm *The Belle of Amherst*.** Commonwealth Theatre Company presents Sandy Duncan in the Tony Award winning play that draws from the writings of Emily Dickinson; evening and matinee performances continue through April 25<sup>th</sup>. *Roper Performing Arts Center, TCC*. 671-8100\*

**22 (Thurs.) – 7:30 pm *The Marriage of Figaro*.** Governor's School for the Arts Vocal Music Department presents Mozart's masterpiece; performances continue through April 25<sup>th</sup>. *Wells Theatre*. 683-4271\*

**23 (Fri.) – *Virginia Arts Festival*.** Eighth annual festival opens and continues through May 23<sup>rd</sup>, offering something for everyone. For more information, contact the Festival Box Office at 282-2800\*



**23 (Fri.) – 6-8 pm *Mid-Atlantic Art Exhibition: Works on and of Paper 2004*.** 14<sup>th</sup> annual juried exhibition featuring artists from across the mid-Atlantic opens with an awards reception and continues through June 27<sup>th</sup>. *d'ART Center*. 625-4211

**23 (Fri.) – 7:30 pm *Virginia International Tattoo*.** Virginia Arts Festival presents the country's largest tattoo, featuring more than 650 performers from around the world. Marching bands, massed pipes and drums, military drill teams, gymnasts, Scottish dancers, choirs and surprise guests perform, co-presented with Norfolk's International Azalea Festival. Performance repeats April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. *SCOPE*. 671-8100\*

**23 (Fri.) – 7 pm *Playtime Theatre*.** Old Dominion University presents theater for all ages: *Aesop's Fables*, adapted and directed by Frankie Little Hardin; performances, including matinees, repeat Saturday and Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. *Stables Theatre, ODU*. 683-5305\*

**24 (Sat.) – 8 pm *Cinderella*.** Virginia Arts Festival presents Moscow Festival Ballet with the Virginia Symphony performing the Bolshoi Theater's original production; performance repeats Sunday, 4/25, 2 pm. *Chrysler Hall*. 671-8100\*

**26 (Mon.) – 8 pm *Creo*.** F. Ludwig Diehn Concert Series presents Old Dominion University's contemporary music ensemble performing the music of the Netherlands and featuring guest composer Theo Lovendi.. *Chandler Recital Hall, ODU*. 683-5305\*

**29 (Thurs.) – 7:30 pm *Othello*.** Virginia Arts Festival presents the acclaimed Guthrie Theater performing Shakespeare's masterpiece; performances continue through May 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Roper Performing Arts Center, TCC*. 671-8100\*

\*admission or fee is charged for these events

Call listed numbers for more information; schedules are subject to change.

### **The Norfolk Commission on the Arts and Humanities Announces March Arts Within Reach Performance Series**

**Saturday, March 13, 2pm,** Kirn Memorial Library in downtown Norfolk - Tidewater Friends of Folk Music present *Track McCreary* performing a series of stories and songs centered around the idea of "The Singing Map". See the kids page at [www.tffm.org](http://www.tffm.org) or call 757-626-FOLK (3655) for information.

McCreary performs "The Singing Map, because when you look at a map of our country and its history, it just sings: deep and powerful chanties welling up from the waves of the Atlantic, the working songs of the watermen from the Chesapeake Bay and the tunes



drifting around the moon curve of the Gulf of Mexico. As one progresses from the Georgia Sea Islands westward you can hear the songs of the paddle in every creek and river through the South and into Texas as we, as a people, march ever westward to singing ballads and mournful tunes and songs of celebration of our American character that carried our forefathers to the Rockies and beyond, ever onward to the waters of the Pacific.

**Wednesday, March 17, 10-10:45am, Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 175 W. Government Ave., in the Ocean View section of Norfolk – *Afro-Brazilian Dance & Music by Clyde Morgan & Clyde Morgan, Jr.* Call 664-4321 for information.**

This father and son team brings their particular brand of musical and percussive excitement to audiences throughout Virginia. In a program featuring dance, music and storytelling, the Morgans bring to life the traditions found in the cultures of African and Afro-Brazilian communities. They present music and dance as interrelated disciplines in the tradition of Yoruba-speaking Nigerians from West Africa who strongly affected the cultures of Haiti, Cuba and Brazil in the New World. Plenty of audience participation will have folks playing instruments such as shakers, drums, bells and unique Brazilian instruments.

**Cancelled--Wednesday, March 24, 2-2:45pm, St. Paul Christian Methodist Episcopal Church - *Governor's School for the Arts' Chamber Trio.* **The 3/24 performance has been cancelled due to a conflict at the church.****

**Thursday, March 25, 11:30am-12:15pm, Mount Zion Baptist Church, 900 Middlesex Street in the Berkley section of Norfolk –*Amadi Hummings*, violist, will be accompanied by Melanie Hill on the violin and Jennifer Snyder on viola as they perform music by Bela Bartok, Frank Bridge, and others. Call 664-4321 for information.**

A native of New York City, Amadi Hummings studied music at the North Carolina School of the Arts, the New England Conservatory, and the Indiana University where he served as an associate instructor and earned his Master's Degree. Mr. Hummings has received prizes and awards from a number of prestigious organizations. Her performs all the major works for viola, including those by Penderecki, Paganini, Hindemith and Bartok.

Mr. Hummings has been heard in recital in major cities throughout the U. S. and the world. Locally, he has made appearances as soloist with the Virginia Symphony. From 1994-2000, Mr. Hummings was on the faculty of Old Dominion University, where he taught violin and viola, and conducted the Old Dominion University Chamber Orchestra. He continues to perform school residencies throughout Virginia under the auspices of Young Audiences of Virginia. For additional information on Mr. Hummings, visit [www.nkartists.com](http://www.nkartists.com).

**Thursday, March 25, 4-5pm, Blyden Norfolk Public Library, 897 E. Princess Anne Rd. in Norfolk – *Voices of Norfolk Concert Choir's Youth After School Educational Program.* The Voices of Norfolk Concert Choir, a nonprofit community choir, was**

founded in October of 1967 by Bernard Shell, Sr. The choir is a traveling group that performs for nondenominational churches and committees for all to enjoy. Call 757-588-5200 for information.

**Tuesday, March 30**, 7-8pm, Tucker House Retirement Home, 7700 Armfield Ave. in Norfolk – *Voices of Norfolk* presents Singing for Seniors. Call 757-588-5200 for information.

*Arts Within Reach*, which is produced by the Norfolk Commission on the Arts and Humanities, is a series of free performances showcasing a variety of talents. The series introduces audiences to the arts in an informal atmosphere that encourages interaction between performer and audience. All performances in the *Arts Within Reach* program are **free and open to the public**. Public inquiries can be made at 664-4321.

## D'ART CENTER

### *The d'ART Center Announces d'ART Day Camp 2004*

Children ages 6-14 will enjoy five creative & fun-filled days in an atmosphere where fine art is made. They will experience drawing, painting, clay, mixed media & more. Each week ends with an Art Show on Friday afternoon.

Five separate sessions are offered throughout the summer for different age groups:

#### **Monday-Friday, 9am-2pm**

June 21-25: ages 6-8

June 28-July 2: ages 9-14

July 19-23: ages 8-11

July 26-30: ages 9-14

August 16-20: ages 6-10

Art day camp instructors are experienced art educators who have taught at the d'ART Center, Governor's School and Norfolk and Virginia Beach school systems.

Camp will take place at 125 College Place in downtown Norfolk. For more specific information, please contact the d'ART Center at 757-625-4211, [d.artcenter@rcn.com](mailto:d.artcenter@rcn.com), or visit our website at [www.d-artcenter.org](http://www.d-artcenter.org).

### ***Multiple Choices: Works in Combined Media Exhibit through APRIL 18***

**APRIL 23-JUNE 27 14th Annual Mid-Atlantic Art Exhibition Awards Reception**

**Friday, APRIL 23, 6-8 PM**

### **PAPER MAKING 1 Day WORKSHOP: Saturday, APRIL 3, 10-3 PM**

Recycle your junk mail and /or bring paper scraps, watercolor paper, old drawings, tissue paper, etc. to make your own elegant deckle-edged sheets. Flowers, leaves, ribbons can be embedded for texture and surface design. Paper can be used as an additional personal expression of journals and scrapbooks. For teens and adults. Bring a bag lunch. Tuition: \$40

### ***d'ART Center Announces April Art Demonstrations***

Throughout the month of April, the d'ART Center has art demonstrations planned for the following Saturdays, 1-3pm:

April 3 -- Barbara & Fred Mason - Jewelry

April 10 -- Jack Whitlow - Pastels

April 17 -- Robert Joiner - Watercolors

Admission to the d'ART Center is free and open to the public. For more information about these or any other events at d'ART Center, please call 625-4211.

## **FESTEVENTS**

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**Dr. Seuss turns 100 years old this year!**

**Plans being made for a spectacular birthday party- and everyone's invited!**

Saturday, October 2, 2004, 10 am – 3 pm

Town Point Park, Downtown Norfolk Waterfront, VA

Admission \$2 per person, Infants free

Dr. Seuss turns 100 years old this year, and Norfolk Festevents announced today that it will host Dr. Seuss' 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party as part of the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual SunCom Virginia Children's Festival on October 2, 2004.

Activities will include a Seuss style parade, Dr. Seuss group book reading, a Cat in the Hat® make and take, great games and contests with prizes, giant Dr. Seuss balloons and much, much more!

The Virginia Children's Festival joins the lineup of 2004 Events and Festivals planned by Norfolk Festevents for Town Point Park in downtown Norfolk on the Elizabeth River. Enclosed is the full schedule of 2004 Events and Festivals.

### **2004 Schedule of Events**

**Azalea Festival Parade**, April 24; 10:00 a.m., Waterside Drive

#### **Town Point Park**

- **Virginia Beer Festival-** May 15, 2004, 2:00 p.m.
- **The SunCom Concerts at the Point –**  
Each Friday in May: May 7, May 14, May 21 and May 28, 2004
- **AFR'AM Festival-** May 31, 2004, 12:00 p.m.
- **The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Norfolk Harborfest® –**  
Friday, June 11 – Sunday, June 13, 2004
- **The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual SunCom Bayou Boogaloo & Cajun Food Festival –**

Friday, June 25 – Sunday, June 27, 2004

- **The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual SunCom Great American Picnic, Arena Racing USA Firecracker 40 & Fireworks** – Sunday, July 4, 2004
- **The SunCom Norfolk Jazz Festival** –  
Friday, July 16 and Saturday, July 17
- **SunCom Cinema Under the Stars** –  
Each Thursday in August – August 5, August 12, August 19 and August 26
- **The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual SunCom Norfolk Seafood Sampler** –  
Saturday, September 18 and Sunday, September 19, 2004
- **The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual SunCom Virginia Children's Festival** –  
Saturday, October 2, 2004
- **The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual SunCom Town Point Virginia Wine Festival** –  
Saturday, October 18 and Sunday, October 19, 2004

#### **Ocean View Beach Park**

- **Big Bands on the Bay** –  
Each Sunday from Memorial Day to Labor Day
- **Shore Thing and Independence Day Celebration**  
Friday, July 2
- **T.G.O.V. Thank Goodness It's Ocean View Beach Music Concert Series** –  
Each Friday in July and August

## **FRED HEUTTE FOUNDATION**

### **23rd Annual Herb Sale**

***9am To 5pm ~ April 17, 2004***

#### **Already scheduled:**

**Patty Hoover of *The Painted Lady*  
"Cooking With Herbs"**

The Board of Directors for the Friends of Fred Heutte Foundation is pleased to announce the date for our annual herb sale and festival! After considerable thought and planning, Saturday, April 17th, 2004 was selected. The event—a tremendous success for the center in past years—will be held from 9 AM to 5 PM. As in the past, a variety of herbs, herb-related products, and display items will be made available by the center, its volunteers, and vendors, both new and returning.

Vendors are encouraged to write or call the center (757.441.2513) for their vendor's packet. We must know of their intentions on or before the 27th of February, 2004.

Preparations are now underway. Our herb provider, Charlotte Connell, is growing our herb selections and making adjustments for our master gardeners' recommendations at the conclusion of last year's sale.

Please check our website <http://www.fredheutte.org> for updates about this event. As in the past, we plan to have a wide variety of herbs and herb-related products on sale. Too, we plan to have several lectures on gardening related topics during the event. Mark your calendar now. We'll see you there!

<http://www.fredheutte.org>

Weather Station: <http://www.fredheutte.org/weather.htm>

## GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR MEMORIAL

**From Manila to Peking: Asian Treasures from the MacArthur Collection.** The MacArthur Memorial will unveil a new exhibit this March. The exhibit, called From Manila to Peking: Asian Treasures from the MacArthur Collections, features Asian art and artifacts drawn from the MacArthur Memorial's permanent collection and provides a rare opportunity to view an eclectic collection of never-before-seen artifacts.

Sponsored by the General Douglas MacArthur Foundation, the exhibition brings together outstanding examples of indigenous art from East Asia and elegantly demonstrates how the MacArthurs played a role in the lives of well known historical figures.

Highlights include an array of Philippine wood sculptures, cloisonné, beautifully painted screens, antique ivory figures, lacquered chests and other objects d'art. In addition, a collection of Kutani, Imari, Celadon and Satsuma porcelain will be featured.

From Manila to Peking: Asian Treasures from the MacArthur Collection will run from March 27, 2004 to February 28, 2005.

The MacArthur Memorial is open Monday through Saturday from 10am to 5pm and on Sunday from 11am to 5pm. The museum is closed on New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Admission is free. For more information, call 757.441.2965 or visit [macarthurmemorial.org](http://macarthurmemorial.org)

## LIBRARIES

**Library Inspires Philosophical Thoughts in Teens with Club- The Socrates Cafe'.** Believing, like Socrates that the "unexamined life is not worth living," St. Leo University philosophy professor Rebecca Hubble is facilitating a philosophy club for kids at Lafayette Branch Library. Many middle school students are flocking to this new exciting program and gaining critical thinking skills that will help them cope in today's world.

The group has pondered many philosophical questions and taken journeys through discussions. Topics discussed have ranged from truth and wisdom to traditions and friendship. The group meets Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. For more information, call Lafayette

Branch Library at 441-2842.

**Arthur Celebrates National Library Week at Norfolk Public Library.** Norfolk Public Library joins public, academic, and special libraries across the country in celebrating National Library Week (April 18-24). This year Marc Brown's book character Arthur joins Norfolk Public Library celebrations. Join us for stories, crafts, activities and more. Bring your camera and take a picture with Arthur.

**Monday, April 19:**

3:30 p.m. Janaf Branch Library, 124 Janaf Shopping Center, 441-5660

6:30 p.m. Pretlow Branch Library, 9640 Granby St., 441-1750

**Tuesday, April 20:**

4:00 p.m. Kirn Memorial Library, 301 E. City Hall Avenue, 664-7338

**Wednesday, April 21:**

10:30 a.m. Horace C. Downing Branch Library, 555 E. Liberty St., 441-1968

4:00 p.m. Van Wyck Branch Library, 1368 DeBree Avenue, 441-2884

**Thursday, April 22:**

10:30 a.m. Jordan-Newby Branch Library, 961 Park Avenue, 441-2843

4:00 p.m. Park Place Branch Library, 620 W. 29th St., 664-7330

**Friday, April 23**

10:30 a.m. Little Creek Branch Library, 7853 Tarpon Place, 441-1751

4:00 p.m. Blyden Branch Library, 879 E. Princess Anne Rd., 441-2852

**Saturday, April 24**

10:00 a.m. Lafayette Branch Library, 1610 Cromwell Dr., 441-2842

4:00 p.m. Larchmont Branch Library (*Family Storytime*), 6525 Hampton Blvd.,  
441-5335

**Library Program Highlights:**

**April 1, Whodunit? 7:00 p.m. Teen, Kirn:** Examine the evidence, read accounts from witnesses and suspects, then solve the mystery! Use your sleuthing skills to try to figure out “whodunit?”

**April 8, Blyden’s Prize Egg Hunt, 4:00 p.m. Family, Blyden:** You and your family are invited to an egg hunt. Don’t miss this egg-citing event. You may find the “*prize egg*.”

**April 10, Book Cove: Poetry Books, 3:00 p.m. School-age, Kirn:** Talk about your favorite poems in this fun discussion groups.

**April 20, Lafayette Library's Book Club for Adults, 10:30 a.m. Adults, Lafayette:** Review selected popular fiction and nonfiction books in this adult discussion group. Refreshments served.

**April 22, Arthur Comes to Park Place Branch Library, 4:00 p.m. All ages, Park Place:** Arthur comes to Park Place for a special after-school visit featuring stories, videos, games, and more. Bring your camera to take a picture with everyone's favorite aardvark.

**April 23, Arthur Invites You to the Little Creek Branch Library, 10:30 a.m. Family, Little Creek:** Arthur visits in honor of National Library Week. Everyone's favorite aardvark will be on hand for pictures, hugs, and handshakes. Bring your camera to take pictures.

## **NAUTICUS**

*Bring the kids to Nauticus during spring break for exciting hands-on science activities!*

Kids can learn that science is involved with everything around them while performing way cool science experiments and creating some awesome make-n-takes during Nauticus' "Spring Break Science Camp." These exciting day-long camp experiences will be offered April 12 through 15, and will explore the science of navigation and ecosystems.

"Spring Break Science Camp" will be offered on the following days and times:

- ***Navigation***  
8 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Tuesday, April 12 (1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> graders)  
Wednesday, April 13 (4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> graders)
- ***Ecosystems***  
8 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Thursday, April 14 (1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> graders)  
Friday, April 15 (4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> graders)

Camp cost is \$30 per day (\$50 for two days) for non-members and \$25 per day (\$40 for two days) for Nauticus members. Registration deadline is April 5. Register by March 15 and receive a \$5 gift certificate to Nauticus' Banana Pier Gift Shop!

For more information or to register, please call (757) 664-1041.

**Maritime "Maniacs" Wanted For Nauticus' New Kids Club**

Are you a kid between the ages of 8 and 12, who wants free giveaways, enjoys special tours of Nauticus, and likes hanging out with other kids who like science? Then Nauticus' new Maritime Mania Club is for you!

Presented in partnership with Radio Disney AM 1650, the Maritime Mania Club will meet the fourth Saturday of each month from February through June from 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Each month the Club "Maniacs" will explore exciting themes including the science of roller coasters, buildings, boats, sound, and crocodiles and reptiles. Radio Disney also will be on hand each month with refreshments, games and activities. Plus, "Maniacs" who attend all five sessions will receive a special gift from Radio Disney and Nauticus!

Club benefits include a Maritime Mania Club card, make-n-take activities, free tours of selected Nauticus exhibits and behind-the scenes areas, free activities with Radio Disney, giveaways, and more.

Hurry! Space is limited to only 20 kids and their parents. The club fee for all five sessions is \$40 for nonmembers or \$30 for Nauticus members (fee is for one child and one parent who are expected to participate and assist in all activities).

Call (757) 664-1010 for more information or to register.

### **Special Offer**

#### **March (all month)**

**10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.** Register to win a \$10 gift certificate from the Banana Pier Gift Shop located on the first floor of Nauticus. Ten certificates will be given away.

### **Traveling Exhibits**

#### **Through May 23, 2004**

***Tech City.*** Many aspects of our daily lives are designed and maintained by engineers – from the buildings we work in to traffic on the Internet. This exhibition highlights the engineering that makes *Tech City* work. Highly interactive exhibit stations present real-world problems that can be solved using an engineering approach.

#### **Extended through Spring 2004!**

***Theme Park: The Art and Science of Universal Studios Islands of Adventure.*** This exhibit reveals the secrets of math, science, art and technology that come together to bring theme park magic to life. With hands-on learning and fun, the exhibit shows just how a theme park grows from an idea into a reality! Points of interest include: DESIGN: Port of Entry, THEMEING: Dr. Seuss Landing, SPLASH: Toon Lagoon, ILLUSION: Marvel Super Hero Island, SHOWBOTICS: Featuring Jurassic Park, and THRILL: Featuring the Lost Continent.

#### **Through May 31, 2004**

***Iron to Art. Ironclads and Torpedo Boats: The Maritime Art of Joe Hinds.*** See the works of one of America's top naval illustrators in Nauticus' new Forecastle Gallery.



Presented in conjunction with the Hampton Roads Naval Museum.

### **Programs & Events**

#### **Saturday, March 27, 11 a.m.**

**Tech City Saturday.** Visit Nauticus and Meet Oliver Love, civil engineer with the City of Norfolk. A graduate of Virginia Tech, Love will be in the Tech City exhibit to answer questions about engineering. Plus, free construction hats (while supplies last).

#### **Pre-School & After School Programs**

##### **Tuesday, March 16 & 30; 4 – 5:30 p.m.**

**Extreme Science Explorers After School Program (1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> graders).** Have a blast during this fun and educational program featuring the science of the ocean!

##### **Wednesday, March 17, and 31; 2 p.m.**

**Pre-School Science Adventures. (ages 2 – 5)** Spend a fun, educational and interactive hour with your child during this innovative education program. Geared towards children ages two to five, each program is designed to help develop large and fine motor skills and teach some basic science concepts. Activities include story time, a craft activity, game, interactive science experiment and a guided tour of a Nauticus exhibit.

##### **Thursday, March 18; 4 – 5:30 p.m.**

**Science Navigators After School Program (5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders).** Be an oceanographer for the afternoon in this hands-on program that explores the science of the sea!

The registration fee for Nauticus' after school programs is \$8 per child, per session; \$70 per semester. Nauticus members: \$6 per child, per session; \$50 per semester. Adults are free. Reservations are recommended, as space is limited to 15 children per program. For more information, please call (757) 664-1044.

### **Ongoing Programs & Events**

#### **Weekdays; 3 p.m.**

**Grando Electro Show.** Experience the science of static electricity, sparks, and electrical charges in a safe and controlled manner. You'll get a "charge" out of it!

#### **Weekends; selected times**

**Battle Blast.** Have a "blast" during Nauticus' newest science demonstration! Created in conjunction with the USS *Wisconsin*, this program investigates the science and technology behind the battleship and explores force, ballistics, density and combustion through a variety of hands-on experiments.

#### **Weekends; selected times**

**CoolScience.** Liquids boiling without a stove! Gases turning into liquid! Balloons exploding with bright flashes of light and heat! These are a few of the amazing hands-on experiments you can see in this program sponsored in-part by BOC Gases.

**Daily; selected times**

**Shark Touch.** What does a shark's skin feel like? If you're daring, you can find out at Nauticus' Shark Petting Lagoon, where you can touch the back of a warm-water Nurse Shark. Sharks in the Lagoon vary in length from two to three feet.

**Weekends; selected times**

**Shark Feeding.** Watch Nauticus' live sharks eat as you learn about shark behavior and ecology!

## **NORFOLK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

### **Keep Norfolk Beautiful Day - Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 9AM-Noon**

All civic organizations, businesses and youth organizations are needed to organize cleanups. NEC will provide the usual and team up groups that are within the same geographical area. Learn how to make your cleanup safe, organized, effective and fun – attend one of our special sessions for Group Leaders.

*NEW SPONSOR:* Welcome FARM FRESH SUPERMARKETs as the Exclusive Grocery store sponsor of the Great American Cleanup in Norfolk. Thanks to their support, \$150 in supplies and food will be awarded to the first 10 organizations that register their cleanup for KNB Day. To be eligible, groups must have at least 40 volunteers signed up, have a group leader attend one of the Trainings and submit a plan for your cleanup and thank you picnic.

Prizes will be awarded again this year to the Civic Leagues that have the most volunteers participating in your cleanup. Prizes packages include t-shirts, NEC shopping bags, car litterbags and a year's supply of trash bags for your neighborhood.

Congratulations to Last year's top Civic Leagues: Bay View (1<sup>st</sup> Place), Coleman Place (2<sup>nd</sup> Place) and Northside (3<sup>rd</sup> Place).

All volunteers that participate on KNB Day will have their names entered into a drawing for other great prizes including a grand prize of an MTD Yard Trimmer worth \$250.

To register, call 441-1347, or visit [www.norfolkbeautiful.org](http://www.norfolkbeautiful.org), or email us at [nec@norfolkbeautiful.org](mailto:nec@norfolkbeautiful.org).

### **Shop 'N Shine in Norfolk – Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 9-11AM**

Convenience Stores and other businesses throughout Norfolk are joining the effort to Keep Norfolk Beautiful by sponsoring a special cleanup and awareness day on April

24th. Volunteers are needed to sign up at participating stores and help pickup litter in the neighborhoods around the stores from 9am to 11am that day. Refreshments and prizes will be given out at the stores following the cleanup. To find out which stores will be participating, check [www.norfolkbeautiful.org](http://www.norfolkbeautiful.org) or call our office at 441-1347.

### **Be a Green Reader!**

During the Great American Cleanup, the Norfolk Environmental Commission will once again offer *The Green Reader Program*. Throughout the month of April, in honor of the Great American Cleanup and Earth Day, volunteer readers will visit Norfolk classrooms and narrate one of several short stories to students. The list of books includes (but is not limited to) *The Wartville Wizard*, by Don Madden and Dr. Seuss' *The Lorax*.

The Norfolk Environmental Commission is looking for volunteers to help with *The Green Reader Program*. If you or someone you know would like to donate an hour of your time to this important effort and be a reader, contact our Environmental Educator, Holly Carson, at 441-1347 or [holly.carson@norfolk.gov](mailto:holly.carson@norfolk.gov). We look forward to reading with you!

## **RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**A "Special Olympics Swim Team" organized in Norfolk!** The NLS Aquatics Unit proudly announces the "Norfolk Nemo's" a Special Olympics Swim Team. The Nemo's practice on every Tuesday at the Northside Pool, located at 8400 Tidewater Drive, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The program will run until June 30, 2004. There is no age requirement, only a desire to swim! For further information, please contact Coach Richard Hahn at [rhahn@tomorrowworld.com](mailto:rhahn@tomorrowworld.com)

### **MARCH, APRIL & MAY**

#### **Bayview Recreation Center (441-1626)**

Egg Hunt, 1:00pm, ages 12 and under, Monday, April 12

Earth Day Celebration, 4:30pm, all ages, Thursday, April 22

Mother's Day Tea, 12:00pm, all ages, Saturday, May 8

#### **Berkley Recreation Center (441-1912)**

Wearing of the Green Party, 4:00pm, ages 5-12, Wednesday, March 17

Egg Hunt, 11:00am, ages, 1-12, Saturday, April 3

Spring Fashion Show, 7:00pm, all ages, Thursday, April 22  
“Over-the-Hill” Basketball Game, 7:00pm, ages 30+, Thursday, April 29  
Mother’s Day Essay, 4:00pm, ages 10-16, Thursday, May 13  
Mother’s Day Breakfast, 10:00am, all ages, Saturday, May 15  
Please contact the center for additional details!

**Campostella Recreation Center (441- 1974)**

Spring Jam 2004, 5:00pm, ages 5-14, Friday, April 9  
Egg Hunt, 2:00pm, ages 5-12, Monday, April 12sday, March 11  
Mother’s Day Card Making, 3:00pm, ages 7-12, Friday, May 7

**Captain’s Quarters (441-1715)**

Spring Break Fun-A-Thon, 6:30am, ages 6-12, Mon-Fri, April 12-16  
Contact the center for additional details!  
Hiking Trip, 9:00am, ages 9 -15, Saturday, April 24  
Program has a small registration fee. Call for all the exciting details.  
Canoe/Kayaking Clinic, 3:30pm, ages 13-17, Saturday, May 15  
Call center for additional details!

**Crossroads Recreation Center (441-1769)**

Kite Flying Contest, 4:00pm, all ages, Thursday, March 4  
St. Patrick’s Day Party, 4:00pm, ages 5-12, Wednesday, March 17  
Egg Hunt, 4:00pm, ages 12 and under, Friday, April 9  
Scavenger Hunt, 4:00pm, ages 5-17, Thursday, April 22  
Spring Fashion Show, 6:30pm, all ages, Thursday, May 6

**East Ocean View (441-1785)**

Egg Hunt, 2:00pm, ages 5-12, Wednesday, April 14  
Mother’s Day Breakfast, 9:00am, all ages, Saturday, May 8

**Fairlawn Recreation Center (441-5670)**

St. Patrick’s Day Program, 4:00pm, ages 5-17, Wednesday, March 17  
March Madness Men’s Basketball Tournament, time TBA, all ages, Friday, March 26  
Call the center for additional details!  
Egg Hunt, 5:00pm, all ages, Thursday, April 8  
Family Day Program, 10:00am, all ages, Saturday, April 10  
Mother’s Day Tea, 4:00pm, ages 5-12, Friday, May 7  
Armed Forces Day Program, 4:00pm, all ages, Friday, May 14

**Huntersville Recreation Center (664-7434)**

March Madness 3-Point Shootout, 5:00pm, ages 5-12, Thursday, March 4  
*Egg Hunt, 12:00pm, all ages, Tuesday, April 6*  
Teen Rabbit Basketball Shootout, 5:00pm, ages 13-17, Thursday, April 8  
Memorial Day Service, 12:00pm, ages senior adults, Tuesday, May 25

**Ingleside Recreation Center (441-5675)**

Black History Program, 5:30pm, all ages, Thursday, February 26

Spring Egg Hunt, 3:00pm, ages 5-12, Friday, April 16

Memorial Day Honoring, 4:30pm, ages 5-12, Friday, May 28

**Larchmont Recreation Center (441- 5411)**

St. Patrick's Day Celebration, 4:00pm, ages 5-14, Wednesday, March 17

Kite Flying Contest, 4:00pm, ages 5-12, Thursday, April 15

Spring Social, 4:00pm, ages 5-14, Monday, April 19

Mother's Day Workshop, 4:00pm, ages 5-14, Thursday, May 6

**Merrimack Recreation Center (441-1783)**

St. Patrick's Day Dance, 7:30pm, ages 10-14, Friday, March 19

Youth Egg Hunt, 3:00pm, ages 5-12, Saturday, April 10

Mother's Day Crafts, 11:30am, ages 5-12, Saturday, May 8

**Norview Recreation Center (441-5836)**

Black History Celebration, 6:30pm, all ages, Thursday, February 26

Kite Making Day, 4:30pm, ages 5-12, Wednesday, March 10

Egg Hunt and Spring Celebration, 2:00pm, ages 5-12, Tuesday, April 13

Back to Nature, 4:30pm, ages 5-12, Friday, April 30

Norview Community Reunion, 12:00pm, all ages, Saturday, May 22

**Park Place Recreation Center (664-7531)**

ECO Club Kickoff, 10:00am, all ages, Saturday, April 3

Park Place Reunion, 12:00pm, all ages, Saturday, May 29

**Sherwood Recreation Center (441-5824)**

Green & White Day Shamrock Hunt, 4:00pm ages 5-13, Wednesday, March 17

Fashion Show and Dinner, 5:00pm, all ages

Call the center for all the great details

Mother's Day Challenge, 7:00pm, all ages, Thursday, May 13

**Tarrallton Recreation Center (441-1765)**

St. Patrick's Day Fun, 4:30pm, ages 5-17, Wednesday, March 17 and  
Monday, March 29

Holiday Egg Hunt, 4:00pm, ages 12 and under, Friday, April 2

Tribute to Mom, 5:00pm, ages 5-17, Friday, May 7

**Young Terrace Recreation Center (441-2692)**

Celebrating Reading Across America, 4:00pm, ages 5-12, Friday, March 12

"The Golden Story", 4:30pm, ages 5-12, Wednesday, March 17

"Pizza" with Peter Cottontail, 4:30pm, ages 10 and under, Tuesday, April 6

An Adult Affair, 7:00pm, adults only, Wednesday, April 14  
A Letter for My Mother, 4:00pm, ages 5-18, Monday, May 10

## **VIRGINIA OPERA**

**Fidelio.** Disguised as a young boy named Fidelio, Lovely Leonore attempts to rescue her husband from his Spanish prison. Her disguise is so good, that the jailer's daughter falls for the young "Fidelio"...

**Harrison Opera House (Hampton Roads):** March 12, 14, 17, 19, 21, 2004  
**Carpenter Center for the Performing Arts (Richmond):** March 26, 28, 30, 2004  
**George Mason University Center for the Arts (Fairfax):** April 2, 4, 2004